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BIRTH

GREINER.—On March 26, 1940, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. K. W. GREINER, a son. 11587

MARRIAGE

JAMES-DE FRYDE.—On March 26, 1940, at the Church of Christ the King, by the Rev. Leo F. McGreal, S.C., MARIE-MADELEINE, younger daughter of the late Mr. W. de Frydé and Mme de Frydé of Tsingtao, to WILLIAM STEPHEN ELLERINGTON, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. James, of London. 11582

DEATHS

JONES.—On February 6, 1940, at Kawakawa Hospital, FRANK WILLIAM, beloved husband of Beatrice Jones of Kerikeri, Bay of Islands, N.Z. Aged 58 years. 11609

HUANG.—On March 24, 1940 at the Sino-Belgium Radium Institute, Shanghai, GARFIELD HUANG, founder and general secretary of the National Anti-Opium Association, age 42 years. The funeral will take place at the International Funeral Directors, 207 Kiaochow Road, on Saturday, March 30, at 2 p.m. All friends are invited to attend. 11560

HALBERG.—On Tuesday, March 26, 1940, at the Shanghai General Hospital, Mrs. TAKE MARY HALBERG, aged 71 years, widow of the late H. H. C. Halberg, of the Chinese Maritime Customs, and dearly beloved mother of Mrs. Sophia C. Rees Lee, Josephine, Carl and Violet. Removed to the parlours of the International Funeral Directors, 207 Kiaochow Road. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

IN MEMORIAM

FERRARI.—In loving memory of ATTILIO FERRARI, who passed away on March 27, 1938. Always remembered by his wife. -4978

The Committee of the Associated Foreign Charities of Shanghai of Church House, Kiangse Road, is always willing to receive *In Memoriam* donations and make allocations to the Charities in most need. 11055

WHANGPOO CONSERVANCY BOARD

Notification No. 329

MUD DISPOSAL BY PUMPING FOR RIPARIAN OWNERS AND MUD CONTRACTORS.

The Board has installed a pumping station ("Hai Hsiang") below Jukong Wharf on the Shanghai side of the river and will undertake the disposal of excavated and/or dredged spoil and mud by pumping on the following terms and conditions:—

(1) An agreement is to be entered into with the Board before any pumping is undertaken.

(2) All those desirous of sending excavated and/or dredged spoil and mud to the pumping station should send dimensioned plans of the mud barges, showing hopper, to be used, for the examination of the Board as to the suitability of the barges to stand up to the pumping operation.

(3) A list of full contents of mud barges to the top edge of the hopper with reductions to be made for every inch below the top edge down to 24 inches to be supplied to the Board and to be verified by the Board's official before barges are used.

(4) Mud barges to be used must be properly marked or numbered for identification purpose.

(5) Transportation of mud barges to and from pumping site to be made by the owner.

(6) The Board will charge Chinese Dollar Cents Ten (Ch.$0.10) for every cubic yard of mud, barge measure, or part thereof pumped as measured and registered by the Board's official on site.

(7) The Board will refuse to do any pumping for mud contained in barges not already approved by the Board or which contain an excessive proportion of material likely to cause damage to the pump.

(8) The Board accepts no responsibility for any damage which might be done to other owners' barges or towboats as a result of pumping operation or due to collision with vessels of third parties.

WHANGPOO CONSERVANCY BOARD.

Shanghai, March 27, 1940. 11592

Change of Address, etc.

G. D. Jack Insurance Office

93 Canton Rd. (Corner Szechuen Rd.)
Tel. No. 14499 (as before)

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To-day's Events

MARCH

27 Brown's exhibition, 9 French Bund
27 M.C.L. Bridge and mahjongg, Charter House, 156 Edinburgh Road, 3.
27 China Bible House, ann. mtg., 5
27 Gala performance 'Music & Laughter' by the International Committee for Polish War Victims, Lyceum, 9
27 'Purim Ball', French Club, 9.30
27 *Port Arthur and Dairen leased to Russia (1898)*
27 *NCDN broadcast 12.45 and 9 p.m. XMHD 760kc. 395m.*

Coming Events

MARCH

23 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
23 B.W.A. Bridge and mahjongg tea, 3
26 R.A.S. Lecture and Exhibition
28 K.D.S. annual meeting at headquarters. Tea 4.30, business 5.30
28 O. Manjelei and B. Seroff's gala performance: 'The Fairy of Carnival,' Kalman's Lt. Op., Lyc., 8.45
28 For. Y. Debate: 'Long *v.* Short Engagements'
29 A.W.C. Three one-act plays, 9
29 For. Y.: 'Richard II' Reading, 9
29 Masonic Charity Ball, 9.30
30 Bateman-King Recital, Lyceum, 3
30 Dinner Dance, Floorshow, C.S.F., 8.30
30 "Fairy of the Carnival," Lyceum, 8.45
30 Amateur Dramatic Players, Supper Dance and Entertainment, A.W.C., 9
30 Amer. Assn. & Ch. Com. dinner to Consul-Gen. C. E. Gauss, CCC, 8
31 Bateman-King Recital, Lyceum, 2.15
31 'Fairy of the Carnival,' Lyceum, 8.45
31 Brith Hahayal Women's Auxiliary Group Dance, Masonic Hall, 9.30
31 Municipal Orchestra Concert, Lyc., 5.15

APRIL

1 Engineering Society Meeting, 5.45
2 A.W.C. Fashions Maxine Maxine, 4.30
2 Cathedral School Old Boys' Association, Annual Dinner, Rowing Club, 6.30
4 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
4 Ballet Russe: 'Pavillon d'Armide,' Maestro: Prof. Porgé, AUL.A. 8.30
4 Ballet Russe: 'Pavillon d'Armide,' by Theremin and 'Scheherazade', by Rimsky-Korsakow, Lyceum, 9
5 Recital by Mary Stewart, Lyc. 9.15
6 Ballet Russe: 'Pavillon d'Armide' and 'Scheherazade,' Lyceum, 9
7 Ballet Russe: 'Pavillon d'Armide' and 'Scheherazade,' Lyceum, 2.15 and 9
8 SSPCA. ann. mtg., 57/17 Bund, 5.15
9 A.W.C. "Appetizers" Mrs. Morris 4.30
10 Municipal Election
10 Signals Coy., S.V.C., Supper Dance
10 A.D.C. 'Night Must Fall,' Lyc., 9.15
11 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
11 Limbless Jumble Sale, U.C. Hall, 9.30
11 Municipal Election
11 A.D.C. 'Night Must Fall,' Lyc., 9.15
11 Concert Prof. Porgé, Princesse Leüchtenberg, F. Adler, A.W.C. 9
12 A.D.C. 'Night Must Fall,' Lyc., 9.15
13 A.D.C. 'Night Must Fall,' Lyc., 9.15
13 Shai. Ladies' Hockey Assn. Dinner Dance, Masonic Hall, 9.30
16 L. Rosen's 30th Jubilee Gala, 'Fire Goddess' Lt. Op., Lyc. 8.45
16 A.W.C. "Sketching," Mrs. Dunlap 4.30

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Shanghai, March 26, 1940. 11591

SHANGHAI LAWN BOWLS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING

Members of the Associated Clubs are reminded that the ANNUAL MEETING will be held at the Shanghai Engineers' Club, 220 Szechuen Road, TO-DAY, March 27, 1940 at 6 p.m.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at No. 27 The Bund, Shanghai, on Thursday, March 28, 1940, at 11 a.m. for the following purposes:—

To receive and consider the Directors' Report and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1939, to declare a dividend, to elect Directors and Auditors and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books and Share Register will be closed from March 18 to March 28, 1940, both days inclusive.

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The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from March 28 to April 4, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

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Secretary and General Managers.

Shanghai, March 22, 1940.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Third Ordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company will be held on Wednesday, April 3, 1940, at 4.15 p.m. at the Registered Office of the Company, 20 Ningpo Road, Shanghai, for the following purposes:—

(1) To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts up to December 31, 1939.
(2) To elect a Director.
(3) To re-elect Auditors.
(4) To transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from March 21 to April 3, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

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Shanghai, March 6, 1940. 11453

DET DANSKE SAMFUND I SHANGHAI

Ekstraordinaer Generalforsamling afholdes Onsdag, d. 10. April d.A., Kl.17.30, i Palace Hotel.

Eneste Punkt paa Dagsordenen: Bekraeftelse af de paa den ordinaere Generalforsamling vedtagne Aendringsforslag til Vedtaegterne.

BESTYRELSEN.

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THE SOCIETY OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS IN CHINA

Members are notified that the Annual Dinner of the Society will be held on Friday, April 19, 1940, at the Shanghai Club; further information will be sent to members at an early date.

D. R. GLASS,
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Head Office of the Company, No. 484 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on March 27, 1940, at 12 o'clock noon, to receive the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year 1939, to declare dividends, to elect Directors and Auditors, and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

Proxies to be valid must be lodged with the Secretary not less than 48 hours before the Meeting.

A holder of a Share Warrant to Bearer desiring to attend the Meeting must deposit his warrant or in lieu thereof a certificate in writing from a bank approved by the Company that the said bank holds and will continue to hold the share warrant on his behalf until after the general meeting or any adjournment thereof shall have been held, together with a statement in writing of his name and address, three days at least before the day of the Meeting.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from March 14 to March 27, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Directors,

R. LOCK,
Secretary and Asst. Manager.

Shanghai, March 5, 1940.

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THE INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT TRUST CO., OF CHINA, LTD.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Debenture Transfer Books of this Company will be closed from Saturday, March 23 to Saturday, March 30, 1940, (both days inclusive), for the preparation of Interest Warrants.

By Order of the Board,

TURNER, STURROCK & BROWN,
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Shanghai, March 18, 1940.

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WEATHER, TIME AND TIDE

Meteorological Reports	Mar. 25 16.00	Mar. 25 21.00	Mar. 26 4.00	Mar. 26 9.00
Barometer inches	30.15	30.19	30.19	30.26
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	—0.03	—0.03	+0.01	+0.04
at 32 F. (,, ,, 12 hrs.)	—0.03	—0.03	+0.04	+0.07
Wind (direction)	WNW	WNW	W/N	NNW
,, (miles per hour)	18.7	6.8	6.2	7.4
Temperature (Fahr.)	53.°2	48.°6	42.°4	51.°1
Humidity %	69	86	92	76
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	8	8	0	3
Rainfall inches	—	—	—	—

Siccawei Abridged Report March 25	Mean 1940	24 hrs. variation	67 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.19	—0.03	30.12
Temp. Min. 46.°8 Max. 60.°8	53.°8	+6.°3	48.°9
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	8.41	—	6.96

Time and Tide	27/3	28/3	29/3	30/3	31/3	1/4	2/4
Sun rises at Shanghai	5.50	5.49	5.48	5.46	5.45	5.44	5.43
Sun sets at Shanghai	18.09	18.10	18.11	18.12	18.13	18.14	18.14
Moon rises at Shanghai	22.05	23.05	—	0.00	0.50	1.35	2.16
Moon sets at Shanghai	8.14	9.04	9.56	10.49	11.43	12.36	13.30
Flood makes Shai. 6 to 18	12.44	13.15	13.50	14.36	15.50	17.50	6.20
Ebb. makes Shai. 6 to 18	17.58	0.02	6.45	7.40	8.55	10.30	11.55
H.W. W'sung Bar 6 to 18	14.45	15.20	15.40	16.31	5.48	7.30	9.15
Ht. above LLW. (feet)	9.68	9.40	9.19	8.67	7.45	6.69	6.84

POST OFFICE NOTICES

The following times apply to the Head Post Office, Szechuen Road Bridge. Earlier posting at Sub-Offices is needed.

WEDNESDAY, March 27.	Reg.	Ord.
Ningshien etc. via Chinhai	*20.00	8.00
Tinghai and Shenkiamen via Tinghai	x 9.30	10.00
Amoy Swatow Canton	9.30	10.00
Ningshien etc. via Chinhai	11.30	12.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00
Hongkong and Haiphong	19.30	20.00
Weihaiwei Chefoo Tientsin	19.30	20.00
THURSDAY, March 28.		
Japan Korea via Nagasaki	*20.00	7.15
Formosa via Keelung	*20.00	7.30
Hongkong Canton Aust. N.Z and Indo-China	*20.00	7.30
Ninghsien etc. via Chinhai	*20.00	8.00
Wenchow	x *20.00	8.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00
Foochow via Sankiangkow	x 20.00	20.00
FRIDAY, March 29.		
Tsingtao and Dairen	*20.00	9.15
Amoy and Hongkong	10.00	10.00
Nantung	10.00	15.15
Japan Korea Canada U.S.A. Europe via Pacific	A 10.00	16.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00

* The night before.
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Air Mails

Imperial Airways Service per steamer on March 27, at 8 p.m. for registered and March 28, at 7.30 a.m. for ordinary due London on April 9.

Pan American Airways Service per steamer on March 30, at 9.15 a.m. for registered and 10 a.m. for ordinary due San Francisco on April 9.

Air France per steamer on March 30, at 9.15 a.m. for registered and at 10 a.m. for ordinary.

Neth. (K.L.M.) Air Mail Service (Batavia-Naples) per steamer to Hongkong.

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THE WEATHER

Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—

Yesterday Min. 43.0 Max. 57.0
Same date, 1939 Min. 38.5 Max. 57.0
Rainfall nil.

Temperature at Siccawei:—

Yesterday Min. 39.6 Max. 60.4
Same date, 1939 Min. 35.8 Max. 57.9

State on the morning of the 25th:—Moderate anticyclone over China and Japan. Variable winds along the China Coast. Fine weather in the north. Cloudy in our regions.

State on the morning of the 26th:—Fine weather. North-north-westerly breezes. Normal and steady pressure.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Fine weather cloudy at places with moderate variable winds in China; with northerly winds over the Yellow Sea. Overcast with showers but improving and abating northerly to north-easterly winds over the Eastern Sea.—Siccawei Observatory.

Post Office Notices Continued

Light Train Mail

Via N.S.R. 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
Kiangpei offices north and west of Jukao 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
Hangchow 11.30 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Correspondence for this column should be addressed to the Editor, North-China Daily News Office, 17 The Bund, Shanghai, and to ensure secrecy, marked "Letters to the Editor."

Football Report: A Question of Accuracy

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—I fully agree with A. F. A. Ref. who, in his letter to your esteemed journal yesterday, stated:

"Speaking generally, I feel that more support from the Press to referees who are courageous enough to go on the field and handle these games, where feeling invariably runs high, would do much to improve the standard of soccer in Shanghai."

I would add that referees as a rule, should not only be "courageous," but they should be impartial, otherwise more often than not, referees of this type would spoil the game rather than "improve the standard of soccer in Shanghai."

A. F. A. Ref. added, "The fact is often lost sight of that it is the referee that counts and without him, well, goodness knows what would happen." What had happened at the Canidrome, in the International Cup Final played between China and Portugal had caused a qualm to the conscience of all impartial men, irrespective of creed, colour or race!

While realizing that in such games "where feeling invariably runs high," A. F. A. Ref. displayed wonderful forbearance by slashing out at the China team in these words, "To my mind this offence was far more glaring than the one which resulted in the Chinese team obtaining their second goal." He forgot to add that a referee should, under all circumstances, act with cool impartiality, and went on to say that,

"While on the subject of yesterday's game, I consider that certain players were very fortunate the referee was in a tolerant mood for had he been otherwise they might have found themselves as onlookers."

This is a rather sad enough commentary on Referee Burt. He must uphold the rules of the game and penalize every player for every foul—but certainly, in full justice to the rival teams, to the spectators and to the gentlemen of the Press and the other onlookers, he must never be tolerant. To be in a tolerant mood is to be caught napping!

A. F. A. Ref. affected "surprise" at your reporter's account of Saturday's football game, in reference to the penalty awarded to Portugal as a questionable one.

If A. F. A. Ref. should think that your reporter had failed in his duty (sic!) to act as an impartial observer, let him read the re[illegible]s appearing on the same day in your contemporaries. To quote from the "Shanghai Times":

"Converting a somewhat doubtful penalty 25 [illegible]nutes after the interval Portugal retained possession of the International Cup for the second year in succession yesterday afternoon at the Canidrome. . . .

"Eighteen thousand spectators roared their disapproval when Referee Burt signalled for a spot-kick after Favacho had pushed Meng in the penalty area—the Chinese defender being in the act of blocking his opponent—but the penalty was taken and successfully converted by Costa to give the Portuguese their winning goal."

Vic Schneierson, writing in The "China Press," states,

"What with Referee Burt awarding Portugal with a seemingly unfounded penalty late in the second half, when the score was tied at 2-2, China lost the Cup-Tie in an uninspiring duel that petered out after several flashy exchanges. . . .

"In the Press box, the general opinion was that this decisive penalty kick was unjustified. It was awarded against Fullback N. Z. Lee when he shielded Goalie Zing from onrushing Favacho—who careened into him, and actually turned the decision against himself by shouldering the Chinese defender. And though the unexpectedly large 18,000 crowd thought so, Referee Burt did not. In the following minutes the crowd appealed to Team Captain Suen to abandon the game—but he only protested to the Referee; his appeal was not considered, however, and what at that time had already become a poor soccer contest, hit rock-bottom in standard and thrills thereafter."

In other words, according to Vic Schneierson, Referee Burt's refusal to consider the appeal had actually "killed" the game.

If A. F. A. Ref. still contends that he is right and qualified to pass hasty judgment on the team that he personally does not like to see winning the game, this has already been proved otherwise by your own report, and that of The "Shanghai Times" and of The "China Press." How can A. F. A. Ref. ever succeed in "improving the standard of soccer in Shanghai," if he still denies what is already an undeniable fact capable of being verified by the reporters of the local Press and a crowd of 18,000 spectators? Fortunately for all of us, the gentlemen of the Press are still articulate, otherwise, as A. F. A. Ref. states, "the referee (would) count" for everything!

As a Chinese spectator of the game, I can still applaud a winning foreign team, so long as a fair decision has been rendered by the referee, which, in that case, should be sustained.

Moral censure has become such a powerful force and indeed a weapon which can be utilized against evil influences (including unjust decisions rendered at football matches) that no referee, be he endowed with bulldog "courage," can safely overlook. The logical follow-up of that "questionable" decision rendered at last Saturday's football game was that the referee had to be escorted out of the football field by a dozen or two police constables.

In conclusion I must take off my hat (unfortunately I belong to the hatless class) to the gentlemen of the Press who dare to agree with justice, and who, in the performance of their lawful occasions, have rendered a great service to the soccer fraternity in Shanghai and to the soccer "fans," for thereby they have really promoted the standard of soccer in Shanghai and advocated sportsmanship.

Shaomu Chen.

Shanghai, Mar. 25.

The Altmark Case: The Norwegian Position

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—As your much esteemed paper even up to quite recently has contained articles about the Altmark case, I have pleasure in sending you enclosed, for what use you may find adequate, the official Norwegian version of said case, as broadcasted from Oslo on February 25.

T. Knudtzon,
Consul General.

Shanghai, Mar. 26.

The Altmark Question

As it is known already, the Norwegian Government handed a protest to the British Government on the 17th of this month, against the violation of Norwegian neutrality by British naval forces during the night between February 16 and 17, when they boarded the German state-vessel Altmark in the Jossingfjord. (The Altmark is indicated in the official list of ships belonging to the German navy as a *Tross-schiff*). By this action seven Germans lost their lives and some were wounded, while about 300 British prisoners on board the Altmark were transferred to the British men-of-war and taken away.

The British Foreign Minister admitted that a technical violation of Norwegian neutrality had been made and declared that the action had been undertaken with the full assent of the British Government. He pointed out that the Norwegian Government ought to have subjected the Altmark to a most careful search at Bergen and that the British Government would be grateful to receive detailed information as to how the examination had been conducted and as to the facts which were discovered. He went on to say that the investigations seemed to have been very superficial and that the Norwegian Government thus had failed to fulfil her obligations as a neutral.

On February 20, in the afternoon, the British Minister in Oslo gave the Foreign Minister, M. Koht, an account of the conversation between Lord Halifax and the Norwegian Minister on the 17th in connexion with the Norwegian protest in the case.

After having collected further information in the matter, the Norwegian Government have now brought to the knowledge of the British Foreign Minister, through their Minister in London, that the Altmark was visited by a Norwegian torpedoboat in Norwegian territorial waters off Kristiansund on the 14th, just after she had entered Norwegian waters. On questions put by the Norwegian commanding officer the captain of the Altmark declared that the ship was on her way from an American port (Port Arthur in Texas) to Germany. The Altmark was armed with small anti-aircraft guns for purposes of self-defence. The guns, however, had been dismounted before the ship entered Norwegian territorial waters. The ship carried the *Reichsdienstflagge* indicating that she belonged to the German Government. Some distance further southwards the ship was hailed again by another Norwegian torpedoboat. Among other questions the captain of the ship was asked whether there were any persons on board belonging to the armed forces of another belligerent, or seamen resident in or nationals of another belligerent country. To these questions the captain answered: No. When the Altmark later on was hailed for a third time by a Norwegian warship North of Bergen, the captain refused to have the ship searched on the ground that she had already been visited and that she belonged to the German Government. As the Altmark was an auxiliary of the fleet and consequently had the same immunities as a warship, the Norwegian authorities were not, according to International Law, entitled to make further investigations, nor were they entitled to prevent the ship from continuing her voyage through Norwegian territorial waters. It must be emphasized that the Altmark has not called at Bergen or at any other Norwegian port or anchorage, as the British Government seem to have supposed. Consequently there can be no question of applying the 24-hours limit in this case. Neither the Hague Convention No. XIII nor the Norwegian neutrality rules of 1938 stipulate any time limit as far as passage is concerned. The transport of prisoners through neutral waters by a belligerent State's warships or prizes is not contrary to International Law. This is recognized theory of International Law. Norway had neither the right nor the duty to interfere and investigate whether there were prisoners on board, nor, eventually, to release the prisoners during the ship's passage.

As the Altmark did not call at Norwegian ports the Norwegian Government have had no reason to make up their mind as to what would have had to be done with the ship or the prisoners if such call had taken place. Generally speaking it can be said that the Norwegian Government in this case would have endeavoured to fulfil all international obligations. The British Government themselves have strongly insisted upon the right of passage for belligerent warships through neutral waters. This was done for instance in their observations of May 23, 1939, to the Norwegian neutrality rules.

The Norwegian Government have pointed out to the British Government that it was their duty to observe the rules of International Law correctly to both sides, and as to these rules there can be no doubt. When it is emphasized on the British side that the prisoners were badly treated and that Norway should have taken the humanitarian aspect into consideration, the Norwegian Government would like to add that they can understand the British feelings at the thought of British prisoners being on board. However, in the opinion of the Norwegian Government it would be necessary for a neutral State to be able to refer to a definite rule in a treaty or recognised International Law if they were to take action against belligerent or to interfere in a case between them.

The Norwegian Government have further expressed the hope that the British Government, in the light of the information given, woul feel convinced that the Norwegian Government strictly have observed International Law in this case. If, however, the British Government should maintain their view, the Norwegian Government would propose that the differences of opinion between the two Governments should be submitted to arbitration. The form of procedure would have to be agreed upon by the two Governments.

The Norwegian Government has suggested that in their opinion the questions to be put to the arbitral tribunal might be formulated as follows:

Was Norway according to International Law entitled and obliged to

(a) visit and search the Altmark, and in doing so to establish whether there were prisoners on board,

(b) prevent the continued passage of the Altmark through Norwegian waters, and

(c) demand the handing over of the British prisoners on board the Altmark, and if necessary, to release them by force?

If any of the questions (a) to (c) are answered to Norway's disfavour:

did this, according to International Law, entitle Great Britain to take action by using force against the Altmark in Norwegian territorial waters and to release the prisoners, as actually happened?

Sunday's Concert: Suggested Repeat Supported

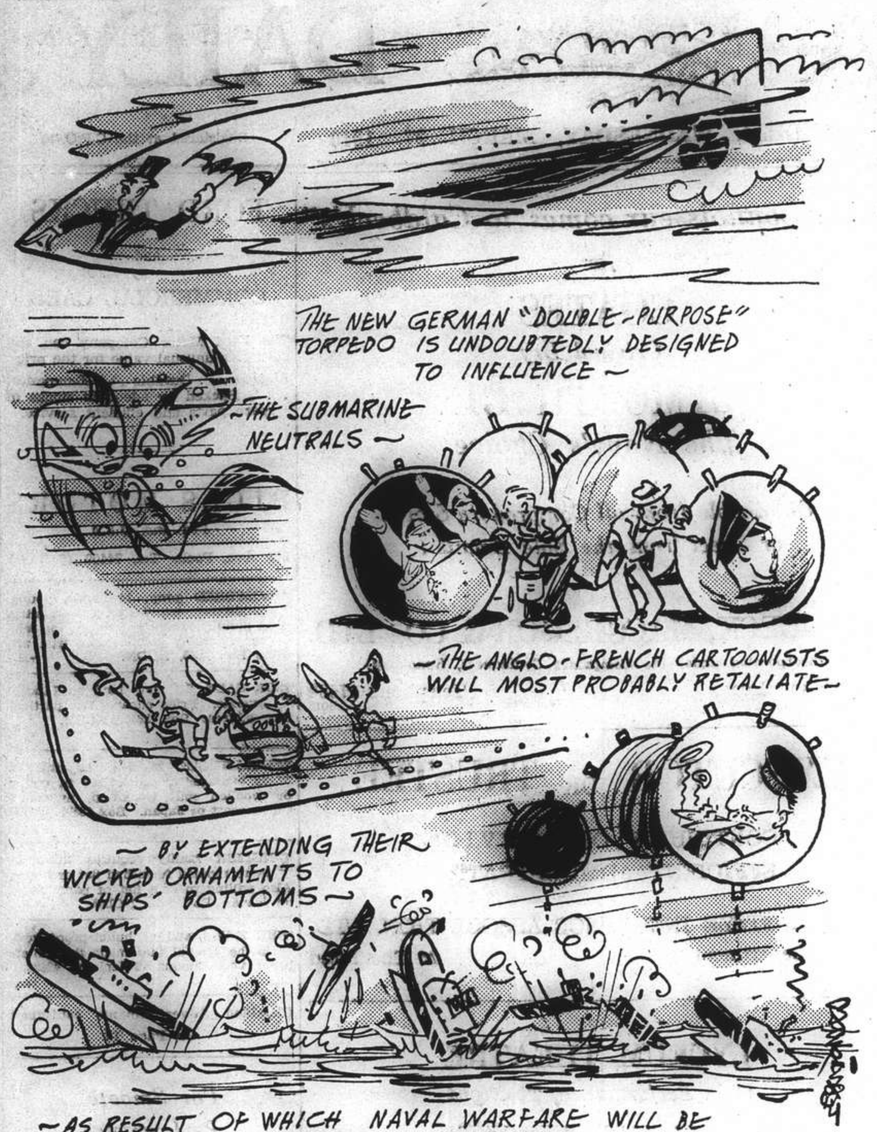
To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—Through the medium of your esteemed paper, I would like to add my ardent support to Music Lover's suggestion.

Having taken part in the previous year's Easter Concert, I know the time and work that has to go into a production such as this in order that it may be worthy of presentation to the public. It seems a great pity that there should be only one performance of so beautiful a piece of music, apart from the religious significance, and I add my sincere plea that something be done along the lines suggested by Music Lover, for which I, and I am sure many others, would be extremely grateful.

R. E. C.

Shanghai, Mar. 6.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BY SAPAJOU

Latest Weapon

The British: Some German Views

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—I have just finished reading a book entitled "Behind the Veil in Germany," dealing with an account of a neutral's view of Germany in 1915 onwards. The author of the book, who spent a considerable time in Germany during the last war, is a resident of Shropshire, and the following items in view of the situation at the present are worth consideration. The author of the book states:

One officer I met in Hamburg, a naval Commander, said to me one evening: "It is all such a pity, because we were beginning to understand each other better and better as time went on. This is especially true of those among us who have visited England; ever since then we have felt drawn towards the English and have admired them. Our interest grew year by year. After all, one must admire the power which enables a small country to rule almost a quarter of the world. Every one of us who spent any time there at all came back with opinions entirely different to those held by the majority of our countrymen." I recall a most curious dinner conversation at the home of a German lady in Berlin. She said she knew England very well. "Yes" she remarked "they do know how to live over there. Take a London season, we have nothing here that can be compared with it." A young German officer who completed the party, added his quota to the eulogy, "Yes, I agree with you there; the English know how to manage their pleasures. Have you ever spent a day at Ascot? It's the most wonderful, the most beautiful event in all the world." Then my hostess chimed in again, "You must admit too, that when an Englishman is a gentleman he is the greatest gentleman in the world." *Multum in parvo.*

Invicta.

Shanghai, Mar. 26.

Coal: Cheap in Tientsin

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—Since coal in Tientsin is $18 per ton, why do not the authorities here arrange to export the coal from Tientsin to Shanghai, so as to relieve the suffering of all people?

Wm. Shen.

Shanghai, Mar. 25.

Local Poet: Asked for His Work

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—Three of my friends as well as myself have read, in your yesterday's issue, A Friend's commendation on V. A. A.'s poem entitled "The Snow Maiden." We would much appreciate if the author of the said poem would provide us an opportunity to read and admire his idyll. All of us are lovers of metrical compositions and we wonder if the poem in question be of the same character as J. G. Whitter's "Snowbound."

D. P. & Co.

Shanghai, Mar. 25.

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Seventy Years Ago

From the "North-China Daily News," of March 27, 1870

Our young ladies have taken a mania for tartans, and short petticoats, so that we may expect the kilt to be the fashionable female garb during the coming season. A pretty dress and becoming, but, my little dears, you really must not go out of doors so clad, when the stormy winds do blow. Chignons won't go out of fashion, much as we males pray for that change; they are now worn drooping down the back forlornly instead of beng cocked up on the top of the head. The other rule in female dress appears to be very simple in the day time, cover the body and bare the legs; after dark do just the reverse. So, perhaps a joyous time of economy will come soon, when the same dress can be worn both in the morning and evening, its situation only being changed.

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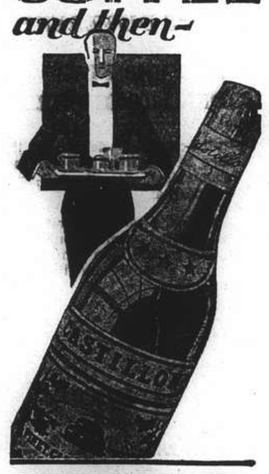

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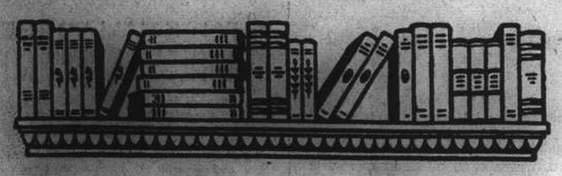

THE BOOK PAGE

Breath of Fresh Air

THE COUNTRYMAN A Quarterly Non-Party Review and Miscellany of Rural Life and Work. Edited and Published by J. Robertson Scott, at Idbury, Kingham, Oxfordshire. January-March. 2/6 quarterly or 10/- yearly.

"The Countryman" this quarter opens with some of the replies to a questionnaire sent out at the end of October to various readers asking:

...what book or books (old or new) or what study, pursuit, recreation, practice or habit of mind you have found most efficacious in yielding you refreshment at this time.

The Rt Hon. C. R. Attlee, M.P., Leader of the Opposition, replies:

Briefly, I find the best occupation in vigorous form of manual work; and for books, preferably English classics—Jane Austen is very soothing.

Mr. F. Ashton-Gwatkin:

I find that a visit to a Turkish bath cleanses the body and clarifies the mind. I have no advice about reading, for which in its literary sense I have no time at all; but I have made a little progress in learning by heart some psalms of David and some fables of La Fontaine.

R. D. Blumenfeld, Chairman "Daily Express":

I divide my time mainly between studies of great soldiers and sailors, such as Marlborough, Caesar, Napoleon, Frederick the Great, Stonewall Jackson, Lee and Nelson. Mahan's "Influence of Sea Power" is a tower of strength. When I can't get from the radio what I need I turn for my lighter entertainment to the Continental stations controlled by Germany: their bulletins are extremely funny provided you do not give way to impatience at their criminal intent.

The Rt Hon. Sir Stafford Cripps, K.C., M.P.:

Nothing except trying to think and work out some method by which we may get a better and saner world after the tragedy is over.

Viscount Kano, Director Yokohama Specie Bank:

Since the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese conflict up to the present, my consolations are (1) in listening to any composition of Beethoven for 30 to 45 minutes, (2) in keeping the following five books permanently at my bedside, and reading for about 30 minutes before going to sleep: Aesop's Fables, Hans Andersen's Tales, Edward Carpenter's poem, "Towards Democracy," Plutarch's Lives, and the Psalms.

Bernard Shaw:

I go about the lanes and woods with a secateur and a little saw and clear up overgrown paths.

Rt Hon. Leslie Hore-Belisha:

My farm.

Rt Hon. Margaret Bondfield, first woman Cabinet Minister:

I find comfort and refreshment in living each day as far as possible in the spirit of the Quinquagesima Collect: taking one's share of trivial domestic duties in a small but full house; planning, in association with others, all ways of preserving and improving community living—which covers concern with Health, Education, Housing, etc, in town and country, especially facing up to evacuation problems. For recreation: gardening, detective stories and biographies.

These are a selection from many.

Carrying On

Looking through "A Fruit Grower's Diary" to see what reaction he had to the war, the following entries are consecutive:

Aug. 31. Plum Day at East Malling Research Station. Thanks to research we know where to grow plums, how to grow plums, and what plums to grow. All we need now is to know where and how to sell them. One grower urged the replacement of marmalade by plum jam for breakfast.

Sept. 9. Am told that "dry ice" (solid CO_2 gas, a poison) used for making and holding ice cream, is the ideal wasp destroyer. A heavy gas, it fills up the nest.

Carrying on—that seems to be the spirit; on September 13 there is this:

A greengrocer in an evacuated midland town complained of his vanishing trade. A week later he was in high fettle. "Painted me van white with a red cross on the side and called it a hambulance. Six quid a week for that. Me? I'm the driver at three quid a week, and so far all we've done is sit in the yard and look at each other."

"Living on 5s a Week and Liking It" is by S. B. Whitehead, D.Sc. and a dietician—the family was two adults and a boy of sixteen. Here is a typical day's menu:

Breakfast: Orange, mashed banana with oven-toasted rolled oats and canned milk. Lunch: Salad of sliced tomato, shredded heart of cabbage grated carrot, parsley; balance with grated hard cheese and wheatmeal bread and butter. Dinner: Lentil rissole, with baked potatoes and cabbage

These meals, Mr. Whitehead says, were adequate and satisfying and during the 12 weeks' experiment the weight of the family slightly increased. Flesh foods were omitted, not from prejudice, but because they were expensive, uneconomical, and not indispensable to good health.

Gas Mask and Pipe

"Epistles from an Old Homestead" this quarter concern evacuees and other matters. The gardener's remark on his gas mask was, "Had I to wear 'ee long, I'd cut a 'ole in un an' put me pipe on," and a motor bus conductor's reaction to "these 'ere crises," "Mikes me feel as I'd one foot in the grive and t'other on a banana skin." Mr. R. M. Lockley's series "In Search of an Island" deals this time with one under the Portuguese flag. "Do Scarecrows really Scare?" contains views of farmers, fruit growers and ornithologists on the question. Major James Keith. writes the first article of a new series "Adventures in Agriculture," on "Making Something of a Run-down Farm," and "Hints for the Home Acre" contains helpful advice on many subjects to do with production.

To anyone who knows "The Countryman" it is needless to say that the photographs with which it is illustrated are beyond praise—in spite of the war.

From A New Angle

ESCAPE By Ethel Vance. Collins, London. 8/6.

So much has been written by non-German authors during the past fifteen months of Germany and the many phases of Nazi activity that one is apt, in these troublous times, to become swamped by the never-ceasing surge of unpalatable facts unloosed by the floodgates of propaganda, and, to put it mildly, occasionally depressed by the conditions that are revealed. "Escape," however, comes as a most refreshing change from the mass of scribblings that has been penned, for, written as a novel, it gives the reader a distinctly closer insight, from a vastly different angle, into the lives led by Mr. and Mrs. Average German.

Ring of Truth

As the title would suggest, adventure, suspense and excitement are the keynotes of a plot that tells in breath-taking fashion a story of Nazi-fearing Germans involving themselves in an astounding attempt to save from execution a woman of whom they know nothing. Right from the early pages of the book, where the prisoner, a once famous artiste, is depicted languishing in the hutch of a hospital of a concentration camp, to the final chapter where the escape has been successfully carried out, and the woman—now almost a living corpse—has been smuggled over the border, one cannot help being struck by the ring of truth that the author inspires in her writings.

Tension and Strain

The descriptive passages are so real and lifelike that one often wonders whether this book is a novel or an account of some fantastic episode in a make-believe world of sub-humans, but occasionally the reader is jerked back into sanity when he realizes that the entire setting for the story is present day Germany. One sees the tension and strain under which the German people continually exist, how their liberty is restricted to such a degree as to make life almost unbearable, and how, despite these inhibitions, they contrive to live and give full rein to their finer feelings as exemplified in their attempts to assist a doomed woman evade the executioner's axe.

The dialogue throughout is excellent and the reader can almost feel the furtiveness and secrecy surrounding the conversations in this book. The characters are drawn with such a scrupulous care for detail that they are lifelike, while the manner in which the story has been so cleverly put together has an appeal for all, combining those qualities of comedy and tragedy that go to make up life as it is in the raw.

That "Escape" is something out of the ordinary will be evident to all readers, to whom it can be confidently recommended as being a novel that must not be missed.—P.B.G.

New Fiction

"The Four at Bay" (Ward Lock, London. Colonial Edition. 3/6), the eleventh episode of Daphne Wrayne and her Adjusters, is another thriller by March Cross who has in the past made considerable headway as a writer of mystery novels. This particular tale presents a new angle on a time-honoured theme, for after the much-maligned police in a small English town have failed to solve two murders, both similar in execution in practically all respects, a bunch of amateurs in the shape of the Adjusters, capably led by the non-stop cigarette-smoking Daphne Wrayne, step in and make the police look like ninepence! Yes! The Adjusters soon find the answer to the enigma and land the criminal, but the telling of the story is not as good as Mr. Cross's usual wont, his style, plot and dialogue being at times cumbersome and far from convincing. Still, for those not too discriminating readers it will help pass one of these dreary evenings since it requires the minimum of mental exertion, although it must be confessed it provides far from the maximum of mental relaxation.—F.A.P.

A free and easy way of writing and a flair for finding ingenious plots, round which his characters play their parts, are two attributes which Mr. Norman Berrow possesses and which make his mystery novels so entertaining. There is nothing heavy or complicated about Mr. Berrow when he embarks on one of his "who perpetrated the murder" stories, and he weaves in and out of misleading channels in a bright and airy sort of way as he leads his reader up the path. In **"Murder in the Melody"** (Ward Lock, London. Colonial Edition. 3/6) Mr. Berrow has laid his scene in the studio of a broadcasting station where the final item at night is interrupted by a pistol shot which is heard by Detective Sergeant Walsh and his friends who are listening in. This shot kills one of the station officials and when the police official arrives on the scene he is confronted by one of those mysteries which point here and there and yet nowhere. More murders follow in exactly the same way and, when the mystery is finally solved, it comes with startling surprise. Mr. Berrow writes this story as an eyewitness of events from the time of the first shot until the arrest of the culprit. He cleverly brings into the story his wife, his friends and his thoughts, and this is what makes **"Murder in the Melody"** something out of the ordinary.—R.S.

Books Received

Bolero M. B. Goss (Holt, New York. U.S.$3) **Should Philosophers be Kings?** A. B. Gibson (Melbourne University Press. 2/-) **The Scandinavians in Australia, New Zealand and the Western Pacific** J. Lyng (Melbourne University Press. 7/6) **Barbitos** J. L. Pulling (Melbourne University Press. 6/-) **A Book of French Verse** Edited by A. C. Taylor (Melbourne University Press. 2/6) **Princess in Tartary** D. Varè (Murray, London. 5/-)

Fiction

The Crimson Box H. S. Keeler (Ward Lock, London. 3/6) **What's Mine I Hold** H. Bindloss (Ward Lock, London. 3/6) **Harsh Heritage** N. C. Tranter (Ward Lock, London. 3/6) **Such Ridiculous People** J. Lyle (Ward Lock, London. 3/6) **The Kingdom of Mesquite** O. Clarkson (Ward Lock, London. 3/6) **Blood on the Range** E. Colter (Ward Lock, London. 3/6) **Bad Hombre** W. Jerome (Ward Lock, London. 3/6)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Some Abuses:

Cotton Thefts and Traffic

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—To say the very least I think it's rather disgusting to see the thieving that is going on here every day now, and right in front of the eyes of the police. I refer in particular to the organized stealing of cotton-wool off the motor trucks proceeding along Avenue Edward VII, and so far as I am able to see our police do nothing at all to stop this racket. From a motorist's viewpoint I find that there is a very great risk of running down one of the "malefactors" who not infrequently dash in front of oncoming cars in getting away after making a haul, and more than once I have had to jam on my brakes so as to avoid a serious accident.

I also wish to mention here that the market women who sell vegetables outside the Poste Mallet on Avenue Edward VII are once more becoming a nuisance, as their numbers are increasing rapidly and they are now crowding into the middle of the road, causing an obstruction there. The rickshaws at the A.P.C. corner on the Bund are an obstruction, too, and last, but not least, the trolley cars outside the Custom House are being ranked two or three feet off the curb and allowed to stand there for very long intervals with consequent further obstruction, especially when tramcars also stop thereabouts to pick up fares. Couldn't the trolley cars be moved round the corner a few yards down Hankow Road?

O. C. H.

Shanghai, Mar. 26.

The Sportsman:

Shooting Small Birds in Park

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I would like to draw the attention of those in authority to something that occurred yesterday in Jessfield Park.

While walking there yesterday afternoon in the sunshine, I was surprised to hear several gunshots, and turned to see a grown man with an air-gun shooting small birds.

I saw three fall and then my companion, who speaks Chinese, told one of the gardeners to tell the gunman to stop shooting. This he reluctantly did on observing that we were the cause of the request, only, no doubt, to continue just as soon as we were out of sight.

Surely this should not be allowed, and the man's gun should have been confiscated at the entrance, as it is not only very unnecessary to kill the poor, small birds, but also dangerous to visitors of the Park.

A BIRD LOVER.

Shanghai, Mar. 25.

Increased Rates:

And the Vicious Circle

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—With reference to the increased S.M.C. taxes to be levied shortly, may I call your attention to the fact that every time taxes are increased and surcharges levied, it simply puts another nail in the poor man's coffin. It furnishes avaricious landlords an excuse for raising rents of rooms and flats, out of all proportion to the increase and/or surcharge. For instance, a Chinese clerk friend of mine pays $14 a month for a small cubicle. He has recently been informed that commencing April 1 his rent will be $16.50.

I was living in hopes of the surcharges being reduced, and am surprised to learn that the S.M.C. have approved a further increase in the Power Co.'s surcharge.

I'm willing to bet that the recent strike of the Bus Company's workmen, etc., and the increase in wages, etc., granted by the company will have to be borne by the public in the form of an increase in fares in the near future.

STUNG.

Shanghai, Mar. 26.

Welsh Quotation:

Further Translations

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—'Y cadarn ar cyfrwys' could be "strong and subtle" or "powerful and crafty." "Cyfrwys" has a suggestion of cunning about it, but doubtless the original wearer of the ring would prefer to be known as "subtle."

CYMRO.

Shanghai, Mar. 24.

The Straw Vote:

Implied Obligation

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—My committee have requested me to request you to publish the following:

The election committee is nominated every year by the committees of the British Chamber of Commerce and China Association, and the British Residents' Association, each of which nominates two representatives. The object of the straw vote is to prevent the splitting of the British vote at the municipal election, and there is, therefore, an implied obligation on the part of the candidates who submit their names to the straw vote to abide by the results. In the straw vote which has just been taken approximately 80 per cent. of the British vote on the register has been returned, so that the ballot must be considered a representative one.

A. PULLEN,
Organizing Secretary,
British Election Committee.

Shanghai, Mar. 26.

Local Football:

The Relegation Rule

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Lido is to be congratulated for the fighting spirit which enabled them to retain the Skottowe Cup on Easter Monday.

I feel sure the 15,000 cheering and smiling spectators will be sorry to learn that the losing Lusitanians must be relegated to the Junior League next season, being wooden-spoonists.

It is a pity that such a rule should apply to Shanghai Football, because the exigencies of business preclude a full muster every Saturday afternoon.

J. C. DE B.

Shanghai, Mar. 26.

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Tokyo, Mar. 24.

An entirely new type of school, the Keimei Gakuin, destined to provide with a synthetic education children of parents in the diplomatic and overseas business circles of Japan, absorbing them into the home culture without making them lose their valuable assets in already-acquired foreign education and knowledge of foreign languages, was granted a charter a few days ago by the Educational authorities of the Tokyo Prefecture.

The new school was founded by Mr. Takasumi Mitsui, a member of the great Mitsui family and a graduate of both Tokyo and Oxford Universities, and it will be headed by Mr. Shigeharu Kimura professor of Japanese culture at the University of Hawaii.

The school, which will formally open on April 8, has already received a number of enrolments. Especially intended to sponsor the education of children born in foreign lands who find difficulties to fit into the Japanese official educational system, all classes will be limited to 10 members with special teachers in charge of each group, in order to permit carefully individualized training.

Care will be taken, the sponsors say, to harmonize the best of the children's overseas education with that they are to receive in Japan. Special emphasis will be placed on the retention and further development of the children's ability to use foreign languages. The organizers plan eventually to group the children by foreign language groups in houses, such as the English house, German house, French house, and so on, "to retain their ability for future service to the nation in diplomacy and international business."—Havas.

Grounded Vessel Aided By Japanese Ships

Navy Locates Panamanian Steamer in Distress

Hoihow, Mar. 26.

Japanese warships yesterday continued their efforts to rescue the crew of the ss. San Antonio, 5,000-ton Panamanian vessel which ran aground five miles off Kwanchiaoweh lighthouse on the southwestern tip of Luichow Peninsula Friday, a message received here last night said.

The vessel, stranded last Friday en route to Shanghai from Hanoi, was sight by a Japanese warship responding to her S.O.S. on Friday afternoon. Japanese Naval authorities immediately dispatched ships to rescue the grounded boat, the report concluded.—Domei.

12,799 War Dead to Be Honoured in Tokyo

Five-Day Ceremony to Be Held Late Next Month

Tokyo, Mar. 26.

In a five-day series of ceremonies, 12,799 Army and Navy officers and men as well as civilian auxiliaries will be enshrined at the Yasukuni Shrine, Japan's pantheon, late in April, it was announced here yesterday.

Included among the dead whose memory will forever be revered, are 12,629 Army officers and men, as well as auxiliaries, and 170 naval officers and men, who were killed in action or died of illness at the fronts on the continent up to May 1938.

Among the auxiliaries of the two services who will be honoured are interpreters, railway engineers, field postmen, and cooks.—Domei.

Mission from Thai to Visit Japan

Tokyo, Mar. 26.

Constituting the fourth economic mission to visit Japan, since the beginning of the year, six leading business men from Thai will leave Bangkok on Thursday in the ss. Akashisan Maru, it was learned here today. The group will stay in Japan about a month visiting Tokyo, Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka, and Kyoto as well as various other industrial centres. It is scheduled to leave from Kobe for home on May 30 in the mv. Saigon Maru.—Domei.

Taxation Reform Bill Passed in Tokyo

Tokyo, Mar. 26.

A taxation reform bill designed to increase revenue by Y.500,000,000 annually became a law yesterday when the House of Peers adopted the measure as amended by the Lower House.

The Finance Minister, Mr. Yukio Sakurauchi, described the reform plan as "unprecedented in the vastness of its scope in the annals of taxation in Japan."—Reuter.

Sir Stafford Cripps Arrives at Manila

Manila, Mar. 26.

Sir Stafford Cripps, British leftist leader, arrived here last night by clipper from Hongkong. Sir Stafford will leave for the United States by clipper at dawn tomorrow. In an interview with the press, Sir Stafford reiterated his statement that the Chinese Government attaches no importance to the new Nanking regime.—United Press.

1940 Willys Features

The lowest priced full size automobile in the world, the new Willys for 1940, presents an interesting array of refinements and mechanical features usually found only in cars selling at much higher prices.

The new Willys has a youthful, dashing appearance. Its lines flow smoothly from the deep-skirted, streamlined front fenders to the well styled trunk at the rear.

Headlights are moulded into the contour of the fenders. Catwalk louvres under the front of the engine bonnet provide a decorative touch, besides serving the useful purpose of passing a cool stream of air through the engine compartment.

From font to rear, the new Willys body is trimmed with a belt line chrome strip which greatly enhances the beauty of the entire car. Following the trend of the times, Willys is offering all models with or without running boards and is giving the purchaser the option of two types of luggage decks in the sedan, one mounted flush in the body the other with a turtle back style preferred by many motorists.

The frame of the front seat is of tubular construction with the latest type of zig-zag springs. It is by far the most comfortable front seat ever installed in a Willys car, and has the advantage of mountings which leave added foot room for passengers in the rear compartment. As usual the front seat is adjustable for the convenience of the driver.

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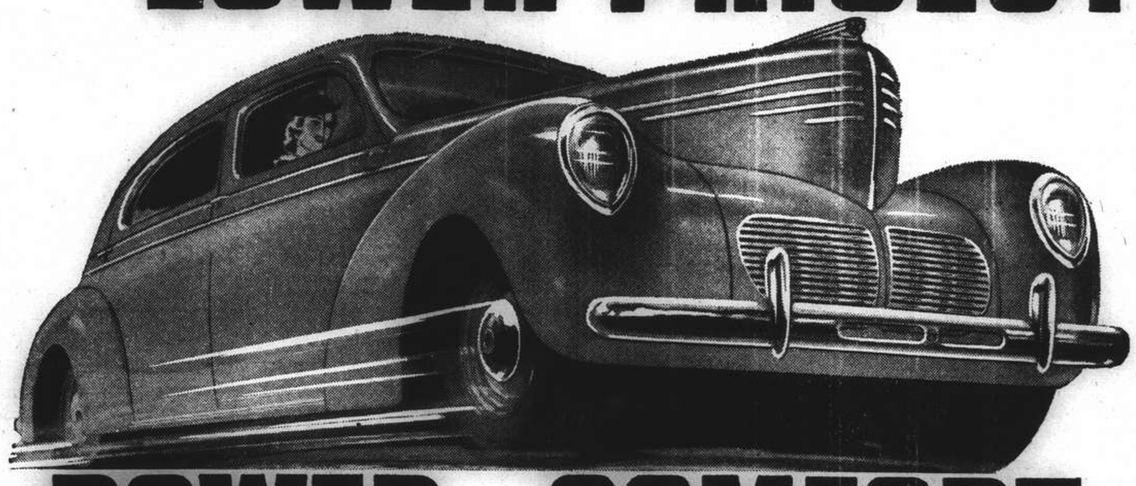

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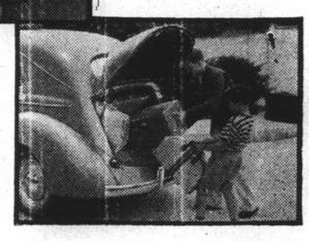

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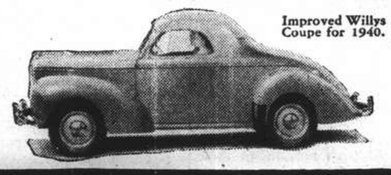

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THE SPORTS PAGE

Huebner Takes Lead in Men's Ten Pins Championship

Brunetti, Pote-Hunt Still in Running After First Round Competition is Concluded

SCORING two fine singles in the first and third games, Al Huebner took the lead in the first round of the Shanghai Men's Singles Ten Pins Championship which was bowled off at the Columbia Country Club yesterday. Huebner netted a three-game total of 630 to outshine his closest rival, Brunetti, by 17 pins.

Third place was taken by Jack Pote-Hunt who chalked up 605. The fourth and fifth places were separated by only one pin as Cone registered 583 and Davis countered 582. The fifth and sixth positions were also close, Roles making 576 and Gilbert gaining 574.

Huebner also won the highest singles honours by reeling off a score of 234 in his first game. Pote-Hunt was second highest with 231 in his second string.

The next round will take place tomorrow at the Fourth Marines Club while the final session will be rolled off next Tuesday at the Shanghai Race Club.

Results were:—

Huebner	234	170	226	630
Brunetti	216	191	211	618
Pote-Hunt	189	231	185	605
Allen	169	221	208	598
Cone	205	187	189	583
Davis	221	181	180	582
Roles	209	200	167	576
Gilbert	201	178	195	574
Chanturai	178	188	201	567
Blackwood	191	161	215	557
Maitland	154	209	195	558
Butler	177	174	202	553
Cox, A. B.	169	184	192	545
Neumann	198	158	187	543
Hilden	202	180	157	539
Cochran	162	165	212	539
Ashley	189	191	158	538
Rozier	220	181	135	536
Livingston	179	172	181	532
Krencicki	203	183	150	536
Gonsalves	147	216	164	527
Uhlinger	181	154	191	526
Cooper	152	187	186	525
Katz	208	129	185	522
Xavier	194	156	170	520
Gray	194	166	160	520
Messersmith	149	175	194	518
Schmid	190	193	135	518
Winecoff	149	196	167	512
Krause	188	155	168	511
Moseler	151	142	214	507
Belknap	178	157	171	503
Blais	156	176	168	500
Henningsen	260	171	147	518
Dolinsek	201	159	139	499
Watton	220	147	126	493
Clark	152	179	160	491
Kolwyok	141	151	194	491
Hebel	147	200	143	490
Morang	152	169	160	481
Huggett	145	192	143	480
Kew, L. C.	168	138	166	469
Fiori	156	136	177	469
Williams	171	161	133	465
Lurton	149	131	183	463
Cox, K. A.	151	154	142	447
Quinn	135	134	168	437
Eisenhut	133	141	161	435
Swan	131	131	169	432
Smith, R. W.	132	136	158	426
Kimball	120	157	128	403
Gensburger	139	113	146	398

Badminton Finals Reached

Chinese Show Good Form In International Play; Close Women's Contests

Last night marked the completion of all the semi-finals in the current Badminton championships and now the various successful competitors in the six title contests are ready to make a supreme bid for premier honours when the finals are played off to-morrow and on Friday. In one of the matches played off yesterday evening at the Union Church, China came up to expectation to enter the final bracket of the International Doubles when their representatives, William Funk and S. C. Hou, eliminated Greece by 15-2, 15-7.

At the French Club courts, Mrs. Burton and Mrs. Maitland gained their entry into the final of the Ladies' Doubles by winning at the expense of Mrs. Wolfe and Mrs. Hubbard, the scores going to 15-9, 15-11.

Other contestants to emerge unscathed through the semi-finals late last week included the strong combination of Flood and Bobe, representing England, which won by 15-10, 15-8, despite some fine opposition from Kew and Orr of Australasia. The only semi-final in the Ladies' Singles was also played off and resulted in a well-contested struggle before Mrs. Maitland was able to eliminate a formidable opponent in Miss Holwill with the match going to three sets, 9-15, 15-9, 15-9.

The Chinese team of William Funk and S. C. Hou gave some indication of their strength yesterday at the Union Church as they methodically outplayed the Greek combination of G. D. Chelmis and N. D. Chelmis to win with the loss of only nine points in the whole encounter. A final replete with action is expected when the winners meet Flood and Bobe, the couple for England.

Both Funk and Hou were smashing well yesterday, their aggressive play giving the Chelmis brothers little chance for combination. They sprang into a lead of 5-0 from the very start and it did not take long for the Chinese pair to take the first game at 15-2, with Funk's forecourt kills being prominent.

Greeks Rally

The second game seem destined to end in a similar manner but with the score standing at 14-3 in favour of the eventual winners, Greece succeeded in bringing off several scintillating shots in a desperate rally to stave off defeat. After winning four points, however, the losers had to concede the match at 15-7.

Playing at the C.S.F., Mrs. Burton and Mrs. Maitland appeared in their only engagement in the Ladies' Doubles, as they received a bye into the semi-final, and gave an impressive display to oust Mrs. Wolfe and Mrs. Hubbard. Though the match went to two game only, the losers put up a splendid fight but the superior positioning of their rivals won the day. Mrs. Burton and Mrs. Maitland took the first set by 15-9 and received more opposition in the next which reached 15-11.

Mrs. Maitland gave promise of taking the Ladies' Singles title when she disposed of Miss Holwill, one of the first-ranking players of the Country Club, after an extended duel. Though dropping the opening set to her opponent, Mrs. Maitland came into her own in the following stages of the match to take two 15-9 games. Her opponent in the final will be Mrs. Hubbard, who received a bye without needing to play a single match owing to the small number of entries in this contest.

Major Squash Titles to Be Held Tonight

Wade to Tackle D. Green; Pote-Hunt Against Powell

Two semi-finals in the senior squash rackets championship will be played tonight, that between L. H. Wade and D. Green taking place at the Rowing Club at 6.10 p.m. and the other between Captain J. C. Powell and J. W. Pote-Hunt being played at the Race Club. Both should provide spectators with excellent fare and a large gallery is expected at both matches.

It is difficult to predict the winner of either. In the former encounter, the run of play in league and knock-out matches earlier in the season has been very even and it remains now to be seen how they fare in this the most vital match of the season. Green plays the soft drop shot to perfection and is adept at retrieving while Wade is untirable, and has won most of his matches on stamina, his opponents on many occasions having won the first two games and then lost the next three. Wade plays the boost shot off the side walls to good effect and will doubtlessly utilize this against his opponent tonight.

In the other match, Captain Powell has been playing in the junior league and hence has not had a real test as yet. He is undoubtedly a player of senior standard and when in form will be considered a serious contender for the title. He has an all-round style of play and in practice has fared well against such tried performers as R. B. Gotch and L. H. Wade. J. W. Pote-Hunt was the junior champion of several years back and has since been very prominent in senior circles. He was not regarded earlier in the season as a serious contender for the championship, but has latterly played masterly squash, his peformance in beating M. Benavitch in the semi-final being really good.

Mrs. Dalton Leads Women's Ten Pins

First Round of Title Play Concluded; Mrs. Kwok In Second Place

Mrs. Dalton displayed fine form yesterday in the first round of the Shanghai Ladies Singles Ten Pins Championship at the Foreign Y.M.C.A. yesterday as she succeeded in scoring a triple of 510 to lead a field of 18 contestants. Mrs. Kwok finished second with 498 pins, while third place was taken by Mrs. Mortimer with 495.

The second round will be held tomorrow at the American Club and a close and interesting contest is expected between the first three bowlers who are clearly ahead of the other participants. The third and final round will take place next Tuesday at the Columbia Country.

Results were:—

Mrs. Dalton	163	202	145	510
Mrs. Kwok	178	139	183	498
Mrs. W. H. Mortimer	164	155	176	495
Mrs. McDonnell	133	178	170	481
Miss McIntyre	163	152	148	463
Miss Hykes	146	157	155	458
Mrs. Hale	136	154	165	455
Mrs. Geibel	127	153	170	450
Mrs. Lamneck	147	157	136	440
Mrs. Gray	137	125	175	437
Mrs. Bristow	119	149	164	432
Mrs. Swan	162	124	145	431
Mrs. Gregor	135	150	128	413
Mrs. Bourne	144	112	143	399
Mrs. Ryan	106	163	106	375
Mrs. Collaco	127	121	126	374
Mrs. D. Nance	96	146	115	357
Mrs. H. Mortimer	113	110	112	335

Glass, Laffond Tie for Golf Honours

The 18 holes Bogey Competition for the handsome clock presented by the Club's Captain, Mr. H. R. Cleland, was held during the Easter week-end, and attracted an entry of 100. No play took place on the Sunday, however, as the proper greens were closed to play on that day because of the rain.

The competition resulted in a tie between Mr. D. R. Glass, handicap 6, and Mr. H. Laffond, handicap 11, who will play off under the same conditions on a date to be arranged.

	H'cap	
D. R. Glass	6	1 down
H. Laffond	11	1 down
W. J. Hawkings	5	2 down
H. Barton	7	2 down
N. E. Kent	9	2 down
F. S. Gibbings	9	2 down
A. Henderson	12	4 down
T. S. M. Terrace	6	4 down

A sum of $100, being the entrance fees collected, will be handed to the B.W.A. War Charity Fund.

18 Holes Medal Play

	H'cap	
*D. R. Glass	6	71
W. J. Hawkings	6	73
H. Barton	7	73
F. S. Gibbings	9	74
J. E. Marsh	Scratch	75
H. C. Banham	15	76

46 Entries. *—Winner.

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Cathedral School Gymkhana Held

Laughter Caused by Many Unexpected Developments In Various Events

By "The Chaser"

The Cathedral Boys' School held a very successful gymkhana yesterday afternoon when about forty children participated in the various events. The programme of eleven events was well organized by the Riding Master Mr. R. L. Heath and one event was held after another with no loss of time.

It was indeed a pleasant surprise to see the high standard of horsemanship among the juniors who appear to be thoroughly at ease in the saddle. At the conclusion prizes were presented to the winning competitors by Mrs. E. F. Hardman. The judging part of the gymkhana was left in the capable hands of Capt. H. Barrs, Messrs. G. E. Arnhold, V. D. Rogoff and P. Zarianko.

The intermediate class Seat and Hands competition was won by Hutchison while Wilson and Jamlin were second and third. In the jumping competition of the same class Wells took first prize with a faultless round while Hunter was given second place. He too completed a clean round but Wells had a slight edge over him in style. Wilson was third with only a touch chalked up against him.

Excellent horsemanship was displayed by Frost and Popple who, having perfect control over their mounts, completed the course without a fault and were awarded first and second places respectively. Cox was third. The winners in the Pair Jumping contest were Jamlin and Hunter who completed perfect rounds. Bourne and Cox were second.

Outside Interference

The fun started from the Ball Bucket race where competitors had to receive potatoes from their partners standing some distance away and drop them into baskets. One competitor dropped all his potatoes near his basket and dismounted to put them in but he found that a little lad among the spectators had taken them and hidden them in his hat. The race was won by Barton with second and third prizes going to Bourne and Laing. The saddle Race almost brought tears to the eyes of young Leslie Popple who found that he was much too small to mount his pony, Happy-go-Lucky, a big "Z" bare-back. One condition of the race was that the riders must gallop down to the other end of the shed and back. Then unsaddle the pony and gallop up and down again bareback. This event was won by Cox while second prize went to Frost.

The Relay Race had the spectators, who numbered about 150 roaring with laughter. The conditions were that the team (four riders) had to gallop up and down the field, in turn, on the same pony. Five teams competed and the winning team consisted of T. Box, N. B. Laing, G. Barton, and L. Popple. Second place went to D. Traynor, J. Hunter, D. J. Wilson, and P. Tamlyn. One team rode a pony called Patrick who seemed to know exactly where home was and when he got to the opening at the end of the shed he dashed out into the open. His rider eventually managed to control him and brought him back but by the time he entered the shed the other teams were going down on their second trip and seeing the other ponies galloping in the opposite direction he promptly swerved on his heels and again made off through the gate.

Catch the Rose

The Catch the Rose event was won by Frost who snatched the handkerchief from Popple's arm by using good strategy. Hunter was second. The conclusion of the Musical Chairs was an amusing one when the last chair, in the shape of Popple, started to run when the riders dismounted to tag him but Laing eventually cornered him to win the event.

Wrestling event was won by Laing although Popple would probably have won it had it not been for a "conspiracy" to overthrow him with outside help. The event was won by Laing. Prizes were also presented to the most improved Junior-Mulvaney, and the most improved intermediate-Wilson. The Open Pair jumping event was won by Miss Mellor and Popple.

Plans are under way now to hold a jumping competition for the Senior boys some time next month; arrangements are in the hands of V. D. Rogoff.

Rugby Union Results

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 26.

The following are the results of Rugby Union matches played yesterday:

Rosslyn Park 6, Metropolitan Police 37
Bridgend 11, London Hospital 11
Cardiff 10, Newport 6
Coventry 3, Rugby 5
East Midlands 6, London 13
Gloucester 24, St. Mary's Hospital 0
Ponty Pool 9, Crosskeys 3
Swansea 17, Llanelly 7
Torquay 14, Plymouth Albion 6
Bath 6, Army Fifteen 4.—Reuter.

Interporters Will Meet Foreign XI

Special Charity Football Match on Saturday to Be Played at Canidrome

Shanghai Interport football team will take the field against a combined Foreign XI at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday in a special charity match. Another near-capacity crowd is expected to turn out for the game which will be played at the Canidrome.

The referee will be O. G. R. Beynon and the linesmen will be S. U. Woo and G. E. Knight. As in the case of the Interport series, holders of tickets purchased in advance will be able to obtain quick entry to the stands.

With the football season drawing to a close this match on Saturday will mark the final game of importance here until next Autumn, and provided the weather treats the affair kindly, a huge crowd should turn out, thereby contributing handsomely to local charities.

No other soccer fixtures have been arranged for this week-end by the local football association.

British Regional League Soccer

Coventry Score 10 Goals Against Luton; Rotherham Defeat Notts County

London, Mar. 26.

Following are the results of Association football matches played in the Regional League yesterday:

Midland

Coventry 10, Luton 2
West Bromwich 4, Birmingham 1

East Midland

Lincoln 1, Chesterfield 4
Notts Forest 1, Barnsley 0
Rotherham 3, Notts County 2

Western

Chester 2, Tranmere 2
Stoke 5, Port Vale 1

North Western

Barrow 4, Blackburn 2
Carlisle 3, Sputhport 2

Friendlies

Bury 4, Accrington 0
New Brighton 1, Southport 0
Blackpool 0, Manchester City 3
Cardiff 1, West Bromwich 1
Leed 6, Doncaster 2
Leicester 5, Sheffield Wed. 2
Liverpool 0, Bolton 1
Manchester U. 5, Preston 1
Northampton 5, Swindon 2
Plymouth 3, Army Eleven 1
Rochdale 3, Oldham 1
Wolverhampton 2, Everton 2
Newcastle 2, Sheffield United 1
Halifax 2, Bradford 1
Yorkshire 4, Football Assoc. 1

Rugby League Results

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 26.

Following are the results of Rugby League matches played yesterday:

Yorkshire

Batley 10, Wakefield 5
Bradford 24, Castleford 10
Bramley 8, Leeds 30
Featherstone 2, York 16
Huddersfield 28, Dewsbury 8
Hull 17, Halifax 2
Hunslet 28, Hull Kingston 4

Lancashire

Leigh 8, Widnes 18
Rochdale 12, St. Helens 10
Salford 9, Wigan 9
Swinton 14, Broughton 9
Warrington 46, Oldham 11.—Reuter.

South C

Arsenal 1, Charlton Athletic 1
Fulham 4, Chelsea 3
Millwall 1, Tottenham Hotspur 1
Portsmouth 1, Brentford 3
West Ham 2, Southampton 2

South D

Bournemouth 6, Southend United 1
Crystal Palace 7, Clapton Orient 1
Norwich City 3, Brighton & Hove 0
Queen's Park R. 2, Watford 0
Reading 1, Aldershot 0

South Western

Bristol City 2, Swansea 0
Newport 0, Bristol Rovers 2

North Eastern

Darlington 8, Middlesbrough 0
Huddersfield 4, Hartlepools 1
Hull 4, York 1

Scottish Western

Queen's Park 1, Celtic 4
Rangers 2, Partick 2
Clyde 4, Third Lanark 0.—Reuter.

Motherwell Must Meet Rangers Next

London, Mar. 26.

Rangers and Motherwell, two of the strongest teams left in the Scottish War Emergency Cup tournament, have drawn each other in one of the semi-finals to be played on April 13. The venue of this match will be Hampden Park.

In the other semi-final, Hearts or Airdrieonians will clash against Dundee United at Edingburgh.—Reuter.

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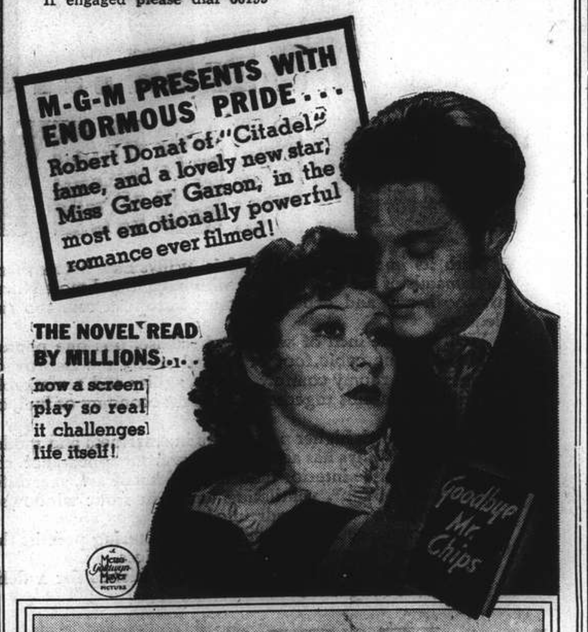
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China's Future Regarded with Guarded Optimism

Chairman Expresses Confidence in Shanghai, China At General Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting

GUARDED optimism as regards the immediate future in China was expressed by Mr. P. H. Bordwell, Chairman. yesterday when he addressed members of the Shanghai General Chamber of Commerce at the annual meeting of that body held in Messrs. Beck & Swann's office, 17 The Bund. During his speech Mr. Bordwell dealt with the innumerable difficulties which had beset foreign business interests during the past year, especially in the Treaty Ports, the formation of a new government under Mr. Wang Ching-wei and the promised reopening of the Yangtze as far as Nanking. He referred to the railway situation in China, in which, he stated, there had been no improvement as regards the foreign bondholders, and the conservancy question in Shanghai. In his references Mr. Bordwell paid tribute to the recuperative powers of the Chinese and the tenacity and courage showed by merchants and traders generally. Although there were dark days ahead, he had every confidence in the future of Shanghai and in the future of China as a factor in international commerce.

In his speech the Chairman stated:

Gentlemen, before commencing the business of the meeting I wish to take this opportunity on behalf of the committee, and I feel sure on behalf of members generally, to express our regret that Mr. Boolson found it necessary owing to his departure from Shanghai on sick leave to resign the chairmanship of the Chamber, and I know you will join with me in wishing him a speedy return to good health.

At the last annual meeting of the Chamber your Chairman remarked on the tenacity and courage shown by the foreign and Chinese business community of Shanghai and other Treaty Ports in meeting the innumerable difficulties and problems which beset them. It is true that in certain instances at any rate there has been some relaxation during the past twelve months in the difficulties and restrictions referred to—although this can hardly be said to be the case in Tientsin, Nanking, Canton, Amoy and many other places—but I am inclined to believe that whatever improvement in trading conditions has eventuated is due to the fact that the foreign and Chinese business communities in the Treaty Ports are now thoroughly hardened to adversity in most of its aspects and will carry on through anything.

Revival in Trade

The revival in trade and shipping during the year although not extensive was nevertheless very welcome, but the advent of the European war caused an unfavourable reaction in the latter part of the year, particularly in the case of overseas shipping. Warfare, accompanied by most of the modern methods of destruction, has been taking place in this country for upwards of three years. Enormous areas in China have been ravaged, the population scattered and rendered almost completely destitute, railways, roads and other means of communication destroyed or damaged, large areas closed to free trade either by restrictions imposed by the Japanese or Chinese authorities or conditions resulting from the war, and yet it is being found possible to carry cargo into and out of the country.

This traffic is a mere fraction of that which formerly existed, but in spite of every impediment to the normal carrying on of commerce, means have been and are being found to keep the trade of China alive. How far we shall suffer further as the result of the European conflagration remains to be seen, but a satisfactory revival of trade in China now appears to depend on two factors, viz: a satisfactory termination of hostilities in China and in Europe. In the meantime, although it would seem that there are dark days ahead I have every confidence in the future of the port of Shanghai and in the future of China as a factor in international commerce, although the existence of financial and economic blocs in various parts of the world will continue to militate against a rapid return of prosperity, and we can only hope that in any settlement which is undertaken on the termination of hostilities in China and in Europe sanity will prevail and with it a freer financial and economic intercourse between nations.

New Government

The unification of "New China" under Mr. Wang Ching-wei still appears to be a matter of conjecture rather than fact and, although tentative invitations have been made both by high officials of the Japanese Government and heads of the proposed new regime in China to General Chiang Kai-shek to join the proposed new Government these have hitherto met with a stern rebuff from Chungking, and for this reason it cannot be said that an end of hostilities in China in the near future can be discerned.

The price index for common living commodities, rents, etc., in Shanghai has given cause for serious concern in the course of the past six months. The high level of 325.44 for prices of commodities affecting native labour was reached in the month of January, 1940, compared with the base figure of 100 for 1936. Fortunately there have been no serious labour disturbances due, apparently, to the fact that gradual adjustment has taken place in rates of pay, and high cost of living and rice allowances have been introduced. It cannot be said, however, that the situation in this respect can be regarded with equanimity.

The situation requires the most careful attention of all concerned and particularly the local authorities, whose urgent duty it would appear to be to curb profiteering and any attempts at the artificial bolstering of prices. There are many difficulties to be overcome before an effective curb can be put on profiteering, but this should not prevent the authorities from adopting the most energetic measures which lie within their power, and it is gratifying to note that the two local foreign administrations have taken steps to that end, whilst the Mayor of the Shanghai City Government has suggested the adoption of strong measures against offenders.

Customs Revenue

There was an appreciable increase in revenue collected by the Chinese Maritime Customs during 1939, according to statistics released by the Inspector-General of Customs. The increase, estimated in Chinese dollars, reached approximately $77,000,000. It is not possible, however, at this juncture to make a correct detailed analysis of the figures, and whilst they appear to indicate an improvement in trade it unfortunately happens that the increase cannot be attributed to a greater volume of trade and, in any event, in the case of both imports and exports such improvement as has taken place is confined, as it was in the year 1938, to a limited number of items.

Customs statistics for 1939 show an import surplus over exports of more than three hundred millions, but it must not be overlooked that for official statistical purposes imports are valued in gold units and converted into Chinese dollars at official standard dollar rates for foreign exchange of pence sterling 14½, U.S. $0.30, Japanese Yen 1.03. With imports valued on the same basis as exports a surplus of imports over exports of $2,194 millions in "black" market dollars is shown. A very different story.

Restrictions remained in force in the majority of Treaty ports, and in certain of them continued to cause stagnation of practically all trade as far as third party Powers are concerned. Many of the restrictions imposed on trade and other spheres of commercial and financial activity continued to be regarded by third party Powers as unnecessary, and retarding immeasurably rehabilitation work, and the resumption of normal conditions in areas of occupied China. The spending power of the Chinese people has been greatly reduced, particularly so during the year 1939, chiefly owing to depreciation in the Chinese dollar coupled with the complication of the financial position due to the variety of currencies in force in different parts of the country.

Railway Situation

The Japanese forces continued during the year, according to the measure of their control over the various areas occupied by them, to secure such China produce as is necessary, firstly to provide the needs of her army in the field and secondly to supply essential raw materials for Japanese industry both in China and at home.

There was no improvement in the railway situation from the point of view of foreign bondholders and the prohibition against their right to inspect and control the property was maintained by the Japanese military. The majority of these railways continue to be controlled by the Japanese, and commercial traffic, which was resumed over them in 1938, showed a very large increase. Certain of the railways are being conducted satisfactorily from the point of view of the amount of merchandise and number of passengers carried. These railways were financed by foreign loans which are still outstanding, and are now being operated without any payment whatsoever to the share or bondholders.

The opening of the Yangtze River as far as Nanking, and the Pearl River, to shipping of third party Powers has been promised by the Japanese Government, but no dates have yet been fixed for the resumption of traffic, nor has any indication been given as to the restrictions under which trading will be carried on. It is to be hoped, however, that the opening up of these rivers to trade will not be unduly delayed and, as far as the Yangtze is concerned, the Chamber would like to see traffic resumed as far as Hankow or, at any rate, Wuhu, in the near future.

Conservancy Matters

The continued lack of conservancy of the Whangpoo River and the approaches to Shanghai in the Yangtze Estuary gave rise to much anxiety. This question is intimately related to international shipping interests in this port and it was satisfactory to learn a little time ago that arrangements had been concluded with the Japanese authorities here for the resumption of conservancy work in the Whangpoo River and the approaches thereof. It will no doubt be remembered that conservancy work was suspended at the outbreak of hostilities in August, 1937, and little, if any, work has since been carried out. This matter is one of great importance to all communities in Shanghai, and it is sincerely hoped that no unnecessary obstacles or restrictions will be placed in the way of the Conservancy Board's staff and craft resuming their normal functions on the River.

Dealing with Shanghai in particular, although there had been some relaxation in restrictions during 1939, difficulties were still being encountered at the end of the year in the Yangtszepoo area with its important industrial commercial and shipping interests, thus adding to the difficulties connected with labour and transportation. Restrictions regarding permits were removed last month and the curfew was lifted. Further steps were taken towards opening up Nantao in the beginning of 1940. In other areas of Shanghai existing restrictions remain unchanged, however, and a return of confidence would be greatly expedited if the whole district were thrown open to the free and unrestricted movement of persons and merchandise and the proper Municipal authorities were permitted to carry on their normal routine. The mitigation of restrictions imposed in these areas will also serve to relieve the serious congestion existing in the International Settlement and French Concession.

"Badlands"

The continued existence of the "badlands" in the Western Extra-Settlement area gave the Municipal authorities cause for grave concern and their difficulties were greatly increased by the assumption of partial control over the area, including Shanghai Municipal Council roads, by the police of the Shanghai City Government, whose co-operation with the Settlement authorities was ineffective in curbing the activities of lawless elements in the area. As the result of lengthy negotiations between representatives of the Shanghai Municipal Council and the Shanghai City Government, an agreement on the policing of the "outside roads" areas was signed by the Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, and the Mayor of the Shanghai Special Municipality on February 16 last, and it is hoped that the agreement will lead to a better understanding generally between the two Administrations concerned. A further agreement was signed later between the Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council and the Japanese Consul-General in Shanghai regarding the policing of areas North of Soochow Creek.

On the whole, the year 1939 passed off for Shanghai as satisfactorily as could be expected in the circumstances, and this must be attributed largely to the recuperative powers of the Chinese and the tenacity and courage shown by merchants and traders generally, both foreign and Chinese, in "hanging on" under conditions of extreme difficulty. As regards the immediate future, I feel, as did your Chairman at the last annual meeting, that guarded optimism is perfectly in order. An early revival of trade is to the advantage of all and the sooner it is realized that the existing lack of genuine international co-operation is the main hindrance to progress and welfare so soon will the return of real prosperity begin.

Accounts

The Harbour Regulations Technical Sub-Committee continued its work throughout the year 1939 and submitted a voluminous report which dealt with all matters with the exception of "Dangerous Cargo." Copies of the report were sent to all members of the Chamber and other interested organizations. The Technical Sub-Committee's report regarding "Dangerous Cargo" will be in the Committee's hand in the near future, and this also will be circulated to interested parties for their views and comments. At such time as members and others interested have had an opportunity to give consideration to the reports, final recommendations will be submitted on the subject to the Customs.

I would like to take this opportunity of expressing on behalf of the Chamber our very great appreciation of the time and labour which has been spent by the Technical Sub-Committee on this important matter during the past year, particularly, Capt. S. P. Jorgensen, Chairman of the Sub-Committee, who has devoted many hours and much thought to the task. I would like also to express the appreciation of the Chamber for the services rendered during the year by the Shipping Sub-Committee, which has greatly facilitated the work of the General Committee.

Turning to the accounts, the Chamber was faced with increased expenditure during the year owing to the fall in the value of the local dollar. The main items affected were salaries and wages and printing and stationery, and whilst the cash balance on December 31, 1939, remained substantially the same as at the beginning of the year, due to the levy of $16 per member which was imposed towards the close of the year, it has been decided to increase the annual subscription from $56 to $120 which, I think you will agree, is reasonable in the circumstances. We have again to thank Mr. E. Lester Arnold for auditing the accounts.

Resolutions

The Committee was elected as follows: Messrs. P. H. Bordwell (Chairman), J. A. Blackwood, G. Boolsen, R. Bringert, R. Bodson, J. Cochet, K. M. Fetterly, C. S. Franklin, Y. Hanawa, A. S. Henchman, F. Hoehnke (Vice-Chairman), C. J. Knipschildt, A. J. La Paine, F. A. Pollock, U. M. Tavella, K. Watanabe, J. R. Weeks.

Other resolutions passed were the adoption of the report and accounts, the amendment of the Constitution of the Chamber so as to provide for the election of a Committee of not more than eighteen, and the fixing of an annual subscription for the current year at $120.

Indian Attitude Irks Japanese

Delays in Trade Parleys Said Intentional; Former Agreement Not Wanted

Osaka, Mar. 26.

Dissatisfaction with the alleged dilatory attitude displayed by Indian representatives in the negotiations for a renewal of the Indo-Japanese cotton trade agreement, now under way in New Delhi, was voiced by Japanese textile circles here today.

While the results of the eighth meeting between the delegations, which took place on March 23, are still unknown, observers tended to attribute to the Indians a desire to continue the existing trade agreement after it expires on March 31.

This accord, it was pointed out, was extremely disadvantageous to the Japanese. In supporting their contention that the Indians were playing for time, these observers pointed out that the Indian delegation had allowed six weeks to elapse before replying to Japanese proposals. An agreement was further understood here to have been reached for the maintenance of the present accord should the Indian and Japanese delegations fail to agree by March 31.

The Japanese proposals provide for an increase in the quota of imports of high grade Japanese piece goods; a reduction of the present 50 per cent. *ad valorem* duty to 30 per cent.; and a revision of the quota of exports of Indian raw cotton to Japan and the quota of imports of Japanese cotton piece goods into India.—Domei.

No Plan for Russian Colony in Philippines

Manila, Mar. 26.

Philippine Government authorities yesterday denied knowledge of a reported plan to settle 10,000 "white" Russians from Shanghai in Mindanao Island. The alleged scheme was reported here from Shanghai.

Mindanao has also figured in plans for the settlement of Jewish refugees from Europe, while a scheme to send Japanese colonists there was also discussed at one time.

Filipino officials, however, indicated that they would rely upon their own country men to develop the island.—Domei.

Child Dies in Fire as Factories Are Razed

Flimsy Western District Buildings Destroyed

A Chinese child was burned to death in an early morning fire yesterday which destroyed or seriously damaged some Chinese factories off Lane 185, Mapai Road. The flames started shortly after 5 o'clock and swept through the row of flimsily built structures with unchecked fierceness. The Settlement Fire Brigade attended and fought the blaze for an hour and 15 minutes. The charred body of the child was found in the ruins.

It was estimated that the flames were under control within 20 minutes.

OBITUARY

Mr. Garfield Huang

Mr. Garfield Huang, founder and general secretary of the National Anti-Opium Association, who has been rendering important service in the field of social reform in China for the past fifteen years, died in Shanghai on Sunday. His work was so successful that several hundred branch societies of the Anti-Opium Association were established all over the country. As a result, the National Government finally acceded to popular demand and organized an Opium Suppression Commission in Nanking in 1928 with a view to uproot the evils of opium and narcotic drugs.

Besides his activity as leader in the anti-opium movement, Mr. Huang, together with the late Dr. Fong Sec, Dr. T. H. Lee, Mrs. P. W. Kuo and others, founded the National Child Welfare Association in Shanghai and took over the duties as its first general secretary.

Mr. Huang had been suffering from the incurable disease of cancer for several months, and passed away in the Sino-Belgium Radium Institute on Avenue Joffre Sunday. The funeral will take place at the International Funeral Directors, 207 Kiaochow Road, on Saturday, March 30, at 2 p.m.

Chekiang to Raise Price of Tung Oil

To increase production of tung oil in the province, Chekiang authorities have raised the selling (market) price from $50 to $60 per picul, plus an additional $3 for each container, pursuant to instructions from the Executive Yuan of the National Government, says the "Sin Wan Pao."

The purchase of tung oil produced in the province is still being centralized under the control of the Tung Oil, Tea, Cotton and Silk Control Bureau of the provincial government, on behalf of the Foreign Trade Commission and the Reconstruction Corporation, with which the Chekiang Provincial Government has concluded a contract, the report states.

P. I. Independence Still Urged

President Quezon Admits Island Inability to Defend Themselves

Manila, Mar. 26.

President Manuel Quezon today said he now believed it impossible for the Philippines to resist a foreign invasion after the United States has granted the commonwealth its independence, although he said he still unequivocally advocates independence in 1946.

In an extemporaneous speech at the commencement exercises of the Philippine normal school, President Quezon said, "We might as well face the situation and accept it. If we are attacked we will be conquered."

He said, however, that he still favours independence due to the fact that "our present status is untenable, because the Philippines has not full powers to ordain its national life."

Sr. Quezon declared he would favour remaining under the American flag if the Philippine Commonwealth "could enjoy complete powers and ordain its national life as it desired." However, he said, the United States would never permit this.

Present Status Assailed

The President bitterly assailed the present Philippine-United States trade relationship, drawing attention to the fact that the United States can sell anything without restriction in the islands, whereas Philippine exports to the United States are subjected to quotas and tariffs.

The situation might be endurable, he declared, if the United States empowered the Philippines to negotiate treaties with other countries in order to find markets for products being banned from the United States.

"We cannot enter commercial treaties with other countries," he asserted. "We cannot impose tariffs on United States goods and we cannot reduce duties against foreign goods without Washington's approval. How can we organize our national economy?"

Regarding the immediate future, the President said he believed there was no danger of any foreign Power attacking the Philippines as long as the American flag was present.

"No nation will attack the United States without being provoked," he declared, "and America will not attack any nation without being provoked, because the American people do not believe in war."—United Press.

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Washington, Mar. 26.

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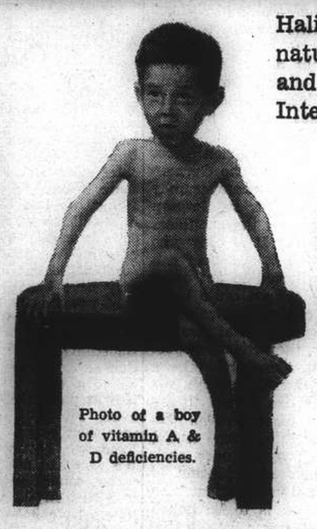

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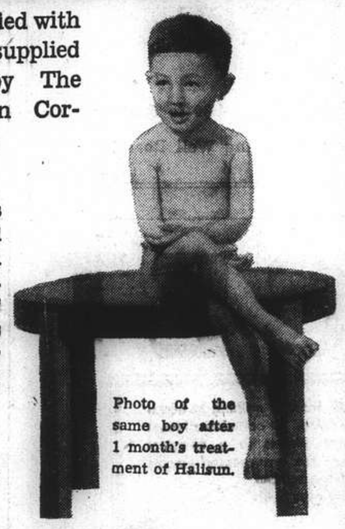

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NORWAY'S PLIGHT

While there is every sympathy with Norway in its present unfortunate position, placed as it is between the upper and nether millstones of the countries at war, it is devoutly to be hoped that the protest which it is reported Norway has lodged over alleged British infringement of Norwegian territorial waters, will be replied to in the only manner which a realistic view of the case demands. The facts are that Germany is using Norwegian waters, not only for the purpose of evading the British blockade, but also as temporary bases from which to emerge to attack British vessels, and to which to sneak back directly they are themselves in danger of attack. There is not now the slightest doubt that whatever neutrality Norwegian waters may theoretically be held to possess has been infringed by Germany so flagrantly that it should no longer be considered as existing. That may very well be no fault of the Norwegian Government, for its rights are being flouted by a very formidable neighbour, against which it can hope to secure no redress, and most certainly not by force of arms. Norway, and the other Scandinavian nations, as well as other small neutrals, may be compelled to yield before the superior strength of Germany. The Allies need not and will not do so. It has been rightly pointed out by French commentators in dealing with the Altmark case that the Norwegian Government has adopted an attitude of passive belligerency, in which it, as a neutral Power, has accepted such conditions of neutrality as the initiative of Germany has imposed, and appears at the same time to expect the other belligerents to accept the *fait accompli*. That is a position totally at variance with international law and one with which the Allies cannot and will not agree. As the "Manchester Guardian" has very rightly summed the matter up "we cannot sacrifice our own interests or principles that are of moment to us simply that a neutral may, at our expense, mollify Germany, who is in fact never mollified." The case could not be put plainer than that, and Norway has perforce consented to the creation of a state of affairs in which the Allies may rightly claim that what is sauce for the goose is appropriate for the gander.

German shipping, taking on cargoes of iron ore at Narvik, travel well over a thousand miles through the territorial waters of Norway, hugging the coast and in fact sheltering behind Norwegian skirts. German war vessels are known to have used the same waters for the purpose of getting to the outside world for the purpose of attacking Allied shipping, and skulking back in the same manner when in danger of retaliation. The picture of what claims to be a proud invincible nation hiding thus behind a small coerced neutral is in itself highly significant. The British Government it is stated will tolerate this state of affairs no longer. It is a matter for criticism that it has endured it so long, and if Great Britain determines for the future to control German shipping in the Skager Rak and on courses close to the Scandinavian coast she is well within her rights. It is the height of foolishness to continue to respect international conventions which are being flagrantly broken by the enemy, for to do so places the more law abiding nation at a very definite disadvantage. It is apparent from the comment which has come to hand that it is not the intention of the British Government to adopt a policy of ignoring the integrity of Norwegian territorial waters, but rather to examine every case of German infringement upon its merits and to act accordingly. It is with this in view that British naval forces have clamped down a blockade of the Kattegat, as a result of which German shipping has either been held up, or diverted to avoid capture or destruction. For the time being the leakage of iron ore into Germany is through the port of Narvik. Until the middle of May the Swedish port of Lulea at the top of the Gulf of Bothnia is ice-bound, but when that port again becomes available a new proposition will arise which will require the attention of the Allies. The problem there presented is somewhat different from that of dealing with the German shipping stealing down the Norwegian coast, but nevertheless should not be wholly incapable of solution.

All this is written with the keenest sympathy for the plight in which the Scandinavian neutrals find themselves. It is realized that they have no particular choice in the matter, and could only expect the brutal treatment meted out to Poland if they dared to take a strong line in defence of their interests. In this connection it may with justice be pointed out that, if they are forced to submit to the sinking without warning of their mercantile vessels, and the murder of their crews, it can hardly be surprising that they adopt a certain complaisance with regard to other infringements of their unquestionable rights. This the Allies perfectly well realize. They too are fighting for their existence. They cannot afford to stand idly by while the Reich forces by menaces the neutrals to play the German game. The responsibility for whatever may happen in these neutral waters to German shipping rests completely upon the shoulders of the German Government. It is they who have broken international law, and they can no longer expect to be allowed to get away with it. The whole case can be quite brutally put. If the Scandinavian neutrals are unable to protect their territorial waters from misuse by Germany, they cannot expect that those nations against whom that misuse is being directed should by too scrupulous a regard for the legal niceties permit themselves to continue at a disadvantage. No combattant possessing any intelligence would consent to carry on a struggle under such limitations, and the expressed intention of the British Government to adopt such a view is eagerly awaited. It is to be hoped that no great delay will occur before the British attitude in this matter is officially made known, and that the war will be prosecuted energetically against this traffic in contraband up and down the Scandinavian coasts, in order that the blockade shall be rendered more completely effective. It may be readily believed that the German Government will complain, but its conduct of hostilities up to the present has been such that it is completely out of court, and, when the equities of the matter come to be considered, without a single justification for any complaint they may care to put forward.

China Bible House

In the annual report for the year ending December 31, 1939, of the China Bible House, of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and the American Bible Society the following highly significant passage occurs:—

"It has been said by some historians that the Bible is woven into the history of the English-speaking people. We have begun to wonder if this Sino-Japanese conflict is going to weave it into the lives of the Chinese. Every provincial secretary remarks upon the manner in which the student class, especially in 'Free China,' is reading the Scriptures."

The remark is based upon the fact that the Bible House has had another record year in the distribution of Bibles and Testaments, the total number of volumes amounting to 224,282, 179 per cent. more than ten years ago, and 59 per cent. more than in 1938. Large as that figure is, in November, owing to their printing presses being unable to cope with the demand, orders for approximately 35,000 Bibles and Testaments had to be cancelled. These figures are all the more astonishing when the tribulations through which China is passing are recalled, the reduction of the number of missionaries in the various fields, the difficulty which those who remain experience in carrying on their work, and the anti-Christian campaigns which have been carried on in some districts. In this connection the following from the reports is of interest:—

There is not space to elaborate the reasons for the present ever-widening demand for Scriptures but one is of such arresting significance that the reader's attention must be drawn to it. Due to political and economic developments, missionary forces have been gravely reduced in some provinces, while in others, circumstances have largely confined missionaries to towns and made the visiting of country chapels extremely difficult. At the same time unprecedented movements of populations have so decreased the Churches' resources that the number of Chinese pastors and evangelists are being reduced. The result is that in different parts of China there have sprung into being small, detached groups of Christians who are rather like sheep without shepherds. Without pastors, without evangelists, without missionaries what are these isolated believers to do? They have met the difficulty by assembling themselves together and studying the Scriptures and though in many instances such study has been little more than a reading over of Bible passages, comfort, understanding and spiritual refreshment have come to those who have sought diligently together. In many instances our colporteurs have been able to contact these groups and much useful work has been effected.

The picture of the Chinese deprived of spiritual guidance assembling and studying the Scriptures by themselves suggests that there is a very real desire for knowledge such as the Bible imparts, and clearly indicates that there is a keen and living interest in the subjects with which the great Book deals. The very patent evidence of the existence of such a demand is the best possible justification for the activities of the two Societies interested, and the fact that it is not only in China that so great an interest is displayed has led to the distribution of Bibles and Testaments in numbers reaching astronomical proportions. The China Bible House is to be congratulated upon the very successful showing it has made during the year under review, and the hope is expressed that they will continue to receive the support necessary for the continuance of such excellent work.

Radio Over Europe

The big guns of propaganda thunder daily over the radio and will continue to do so in this war of vast effectives massed along the war fronts maintaining an impressive silence in comparison with vocal broadsides exchanged over the ether. Hitherto, broadcasting has concentrated on propaganda designed to undermine the morale of listeners on the other side. Through subtle appeal to the intellect by arguments twisted to suit the objective, as illustrated by the German station at Zeesen, the principal Nazi manufactory of inventions, and by claim, counter-claim and re-assertion, a system has been created showing considerably more activity than by units on the sea, in the field or in the air. It is all based on the importance and vulnerability of the home front. Scarcely a day passes without the B.B.C. denying plausible but inaccurate statements by German announcers. This is only one aspect of broadcasting. The course of the war has revealed another important aspect—that is the use of the radio for diplomatic endeavours. The days of the council chamber in a neutral country for negotiations or offers in international affairs have passed. The air is now an open council chamber. Speaking in Oxford recently, Mr. F. W. Ogilvie, Director-General of the B.B.C. pointed out that the radio not only reflected the course of events but has become something which shapes their course and certain broadcasts are now part of the stuff of history. It was in a broadcast from Danzig that Hitler made his first so-called "peace offer" to the Allies. It was on the air that Molotov rejected Finland's proposals. It was on the air again that Finland made her appeal to the United States. A more important illustration was provided during the days which preceded the outbreak of war when, as the Blue Books have showed, London had received no detailed proposals for the settlement of the Polish question. On the night of August 31, 1939, it was a B.B.C. bulletin at 11 o'clock which gave the 16 points broadcast by a German station an hour or so previously. Next day, September 1, Mr. Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, referred to this in the House of Commons and said: "We never got a copy of those proposals, and the first time we heard them—we heard them—was on the broadcast last night." On September 3, it was a broadcast which declared that a state of war existed between Great Britain and Germany. The power of the printed word has dominated history in the past: it is the power of the spoken word over the radio which may dominate the future.

A Country Diary

Shanghai, Mar. 24.—I confess that there were some very bad children in our family: I am naming no names in the pious hope of avoiding anything in the nature of packdrill: but I think I must admit that if there was any mischief going on within three miles of our house, there would be one of us in it. Among other things, we had quite a knowledge of bird-lore in a childish way, and I can remember a competition among us as to which one could first hear a Wren sing in every month of the year (or the greatest number of months, as the case may have been) which led to a great deal of hard-swearing in the form of family affidavits: so when it came to the arrival of the birds and the first hearing of their songs, we really knew something about them. And, of course, the Cuckoo was amongst the most important: so we took turns to go out into the woods and blow a pot-whistle, while the rest of the young fiends sat on benches with innocent folk and split their ribs with suppressed laughter to hear them say "how early the Cuckoo is this year." We also had a whistle, operated in a glass of water, which gave a very creditable imitation of a Nightingale, and I do not know how many letters have been written to "The Times" as a result of....shall I say one of us?....operating this ingenious device. And now I must state that all this Easter *confiteor* is due to something I found out this morning: it appears that one of the Jessfield Park watchmen has discovered how to imitate the Indian Cuckoo, and he now slips in behind trees, gives the call, and comes out to hear what all the poor boobs have to say. I merely mention this, being now old and therefore on the side of law and order, to warn anyone who may hear the call of the "one-more-bottle" bird at any time before May 1 that he can bet his last F.R.B. Dollar that the bird wears a uniform and draws a modest salary from the S.M.C.

SCOTSWOMEN IN ARMS

Vigorous in Defence of Towns and Castles

Scotswomen have often taken a part, unrehearsed but vigorous, in the defence of their castles and towns. The history of the Debateable Land alone is full of instances of their mettle. But there are few records of their enrolment, as a precautionary measure, in national or local defence, for the corps of such defenders have normally been composed of men. Once at least, however, in a bleak October, women were called out by tuck of drum, to defend their fellow-citizens. The Jacobite rising of 1715 was a much less spectacular rebellion than that of 1745, which was due in no small measure to the insipidity of the Old Pretender as compared with his son's vivid personality. The attempt to restore the Stuarts was received with great enthusiasm in certain parts of Scotland, and with coolness in others; one of the most loyally Jacobite towns was Peterhead.

On October 5, 1715, the magistrates and Town Council of Peterhead met in the Tolbooth "and taking to their serious consideration the hazard and danger the Town may sustain by the inconvenience of the present times, have therefore resolved unanimously that the said Town, for their own safety and defence, keep Guard, by calling out the respective inhabitants of the Town and making a division in four quarters." Each quarter was to be under the command of two captains, provided (by themselves) with officer's pikes and swords, and was to be manned by a number of "fencible inhabitants," who numbered 138 men and ten women.

Janet Dickie, Margaret Greig, Geilles Scott, Margaret Dun, Elspeth Mitchell, Janet Cruickshank, Widow Bodie, Widow Brown, Elsie Bruce, and Mrs. Walker—those were the familiar-sounding Scottish names of the gallant ten. They had to mount guard every night, carrying armour, which consisted of "ane sufficient gun charged with powder and bullets, and four spair shouts besides, and ane sufficient sword."

Such was their equivalent for the tin hat, the gas mask, and the decontamination suit.

Enthusiam for Exiled Stuart Princes

Since Peterhead was a large enough town to have furnished 150 fencible males, and more had the need arisen, one must conclude that the inclusion of the ladies in the fencible lists was due to the enthusiasm traditionally felt by their sex for the exiled Stuart princes. Nor can one say that they were all young girls looking for excitement. Widow Bodie and Widow Brown had obviously experienced certain phases of the human struggle, and Mrs. Walker was no doubt a sonsy matron who could easily wield "ane sufficient sword." Through the dark nights of autumn, while the bitter winds swooped about the town and the waves of the North Sea crashed upon that iron coast, the embattled citizens of Peterhead mounted guard.

What did they talk about, those women, as they stood to their posts throughout the winter of 1715-16? Perhaps about the tide of war flowing not so far away, as the Jacobite leader, the Earl of Mar, took Aberdeen and swept on southward. As Christmas approached they had a sensation which was to be food for talk for the rest of their lives. On December 22, the Pretender arrived from Dunkirk in the kingdom of his ancestors, choosing, because of its known loyalty, to land at Peterhead.

The young man was depressed and depressing, shivering with the ague, and anxious only for warmth and rest. He did not go out to inspect the loyal guards, so that perhaps some of them never even saw him, for the next day he went to visit Lady Keith at Inverugie, and thence to Newburgh. He left Peterhead in the morning, riding along the Longate for all to see; but it is possible that the Widow Bodie and Mrs. Walker were busy with housework, after their night on duty, and missed seeing him.

The story is told of how he lodged in Bailie Arbuthnot's house, and of how a gentlewoman of the family, anxious to see him, "put on the servant's mob cap and apron, carried into the parlour a cup of chocolate, and saw the rightful heir of Britain's throne standing with a cocked hat over his eyes, in deep despondency, by the fire."

IN PARENTHESIS

So Sweet

"WHY is that woman so nice to the hotel clerk?"
"He's written suite 17 opposite her name in the register."

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Precautionary

A SCOTCH shepherd always held his umbrella over his sheep when it rained—so the wool wouldn't shrink.

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Her Style

HUSBAND: "But why on earth did you get two new hats?"
Wife: "Oh, the other one I'm giving to the cook to annoy Mrs. Harris. It's exactly like the new one she had on today."

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Gamble

"CALL this a well-mannered horse? Why all the time he wanted to go the opposite way to what I did."
"Well, who won?" asked the Riding Master.
"Oh, he did. He tossed me for it."

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Born Haythen

"YOU know, Pat," said the Priest to a member of his flock, "a strong healthy couple, like you and your wife, should have more than three children."
"Shure, Father, I'm glad oive only thray, oi read the ither day that ivery fourth choild born in the wuurld is a haythen."

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Story for Gordon Highlanders

THERE was once a Scotsman named Hector MacTootlochbraw—or so the story goes—who had the reputation of being the kindest, most considerate husband in all Kirkcudbright, it is reported by the "Daily Mail."

This good man was always fetching his wife footstools and saying to her: "Dinna weary yesel,' Maggie lass. Mak yesel' comfortable the noo, and rest your puir wee feet, for mony a mile ye've trudged this lee-lang dee on your wifely duties."

Alas! one dark night Hector MacTootlochbraw lay at his last gasp.

"Maggie," he said in a faint voice, "leesten weel ta wha' I hae to tell ye, lass, for a canna dee wi' a lee on ma conscience. I was no sich a kind mon as folks thocht. When I leefted those great drumlie feet o' yours onta a footstoo' it was naught but eeconomy. I jest couldna bear to see ye wearing out guid leather while ye were seeting down."

Of course, there would be no point in telling the Irish Guards a story of this sort about a man named Daneen O'Sullivan. Begorrah!

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Liberty is a Shop

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"Personal liberty," he once observed to a Mrs. Scatter, "is the paramount essential to human dignity and human happiness."

"Eh?" she said.

"You heard me," retorted Bulwer-Lytton. "I said personal liberty is the paramount essential to human dignity and human happiness."

"Oh," said Mrs. Scatter. And then she added with a light laugh: "Shall we waltz?"

So Bulwer-Lytton and Mrs. Scatter whirled round and round like a couple of mad things and were promptly arrested for dancing.

British Navy Tightens North Sea Blockade

German Shipping Hugging Norwegian Waters Turn Back; Fast Destroyers and Submarines Patrol Kattegat and Jutland Coast Regions

Copenhagen, Mar. 26.

BRITISH naval forces this week began clapping a tight blockade across German shipping lanes from the North Sea into the Baltic to interrupt iron ore shipments from Sweden, it was reported here last night. British ships were blockading the Kattegat between Skagen, Denmark, and Sweden, the reports said. Four German freighters travelling to Narvik, Norway, turned about in the Kattegat and were believed to have returned to their home ports, it was reliably reported yesterday.

It was also reported that German ships travelling north along the west coast of Jutland were ordered home, while iron ore ships returning to Germany from Narvik were hugging the Norwegian coast to avoid British naval forces. The size of British naval squadrons in the North Sea was uncertain, but it was believed they comprised a number of light, fast destroyers and two heavier destroyers, in addition to the submarines which sank two German freighters.

The 3,030-ton German freighter Ostpreussen was grounded off the Danish coast yesterday on her captain's orders because water in the ship's hold had become three meters deep as a result of a leak sprung earlier when the ship grounded near the Rubjaerg Knude light house. The ship was steering a criss-cross course, it was reported, in an attempt to evade British warships reported to be cruising in that region.

The consequences of the latest British naval activity were very important for Germany, observers said, but it was believed it would not hamper imports of iron ore from Sweden to Norway, unless the British Navy should widen the scope of the reported blockade by a violation of Norwegian territorial waters, as alleged on Sunday by the Norwegian Government.

Such a British policy, observers said, would obviously not only affect Germany but also Norway.

Narvik, at present, comprises the only port from which German ships have been able to load iron ore, since the Swedish iron ore port of Luleaa has been ice-bound throughout the winter. Normally, the port becomes ice-free about May 15.

German Action Awaited

The presence of British warships in the Skagerrak promised further activity against German merchantmen and presented the possibility of German counter-action. Such German action could not be predicted. But it could include the use of the air force or the German Navy in an attack on British warships, observers said.

It was pointed out, however, that difficulties connected with both possible forms of counter-attack made it more likely that Germany would concentrate on keeping her freighters on courses on which they would be protected by territorial waters.

German aerial activity against British squadrons would involve flights to the north off the coast of Jutland, far from the home bases, experts said. In addition, it was pointed out, German planes would have to face the British Air Force aiding British naval units.

It was not believed that Germany would be likely to risk sending warships into the North Sea where the British Navy has always been most active. The other route available for German warships—by way of the Great Belt—was believed to be impractical for strategic reasons.—United Press.

Sweden Much Excited

Stockholm, Mar. 26.

Huge headlines in the main newspapers here testify to the intense interest with which Sweden is following the latest developments on the sea off Scandinavia.

"Whole British Destroyer Flotilla Off Norwegian Coast," is one such heading.

Although at home, individual Swedes say that German iron ore shipments through Norwegian waters must be stopped at all costs, the more general sentiment, as expressed in the press, is one of considerable sympathy for Norway.—Reuter.

Norwegian Note Considered

London, Mar. 25.

Great Britain has taken and will hold to a firm stand in the question of extension of Allied contraband control into Norwegian territorial waters if need be, authoritative quarters informed Havas tonight.

The British Government, they asserted, will examine Norway's reported Note of protest with sympathy in a desire for conciliation but, at the same time, Britain will be firm in her determination not to give Germany the advantage of shielding contraband shipping behind the cloak of Norwegian neutrality. Neutral Norway, and other neutral states for that

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No British or Allied Vessel Sunk in Week

British Submarines Sink Two Nazi Ships To Reverse Sea Toll

London, Mar. 26.

For the first time since the outbreak of the war, not a single British or Allied ship was sunk during the course of a week, ending Sunday, March 24, according to a statement issued by the Admiralty today.

On the other hand, two German vessels were sunk by British submarines off the Danish coast, outside territorial waters, the statement added. These were the Heddernheim (4,947 tons), and the Edmund Hugo Stinnes IV (2,189 tons).

The Heddernheim was torpedoed in the Kattegat, off the east coast of Denmark, on March 21. The Edmund Hugo Stinnes IV was reported to be en route from a Danish harbour, when she was signalled by two British submarines. They fired warning shots, but the steamer did not stop until a fourth shell penetrated the ship, wounding the second officer and steward. British sailors then immediately boarded the vessel, took the captain as prisoner, and gave the crew 15 minutes to leave.—Reuter.

Nazis Return to Wreck

Copenhagen, Mar. 25.

Torpedoed early on Sunday morning by a British submarine after the crew had been warned off, the German freighter Edmund Hugo Stinnes remained afloat until today, when it finally sank.

The interval of some 24 hours permitted the 21 members of the crew who had reached the Danish coast, some three miles away, to return and take off a number of personal belongings. Two seamen of the German ship were injured and sent to hospital on reaching land. The captain was taken prisoner-of-war by the British submarine which warned and then sank the freighter. The rest of the crew will be repatriated.

When accosted, the Edmund Hugo Stinnes was carrying a cargo of coke to Germany from a Danish harbour. Her wreck is now obstructing a shipping lane and constitutes a danger to navigation.—Havas.

Danish Ship Sinks

Copenhagen, Mar. 25.

Thirteen Danish seamen perished today when the Danish ship Britta, 1,146 tons, sank this morning off the north coast of Scotland, presumably upon striking a mine. Only five members of the crew, including the captain, survived and were rescued by another Danish steamer. The Britta's lifeboats were found this evening drifting empty.

This brings to 331 the number of Danish sailors lost since the outbreak of the European conflict.—Havas.

First Lord on Quarterdeck of H.M.S. Exeter

Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, taking the salute—with cheers—from officers of H.M.S. Exeter when he welcomed the British cruiser at Plymouth on her return from the West Indies station. On Mr. Churchill's right is Captain F. S. Bell, of H.M.S. Exeter.

Japanese Political Parties Warned of Individualism

Remarks of Major-Gen. Muto Cause Stir in Diet; Totalitarianism the Aim of the Army

Tokyo, Mar. 26.

A CONSIDERABLE stir appears to have been caused in political circles by certain strong remarks made in the Diet by Major-General Akira Muto, Director of the Military Affairs Bureau at the War Office and late Chief-of-Staff of General Homma, in Tientsin.

His assertion that if there existed in Japan a political party which was so engrossed in pushing partisan interests that it appeared forgetful of the national polity, it should be dissolved if it stubbornly refused to reconsider its attitude, is generally assumed to be addressed to the Minseito Party, in rebuke of its attitude in the recent Takeo Saito case.

His speech is labelled as an "historic declaration" by the "Nichi-nichi Shimbun," for what he said is taken to indicate an unyielding attitude on the part of the army towards the political parties and the Diet.

The "Miyako Shimbun," however, considers that General Muto's views are held not only by the army, but by the people as well.

Feuds Must Be Eliminated

Stressing that "true and national unity can be brought about only by eliminating all feuds and sinking internal friction" the newspaper adds that General Muto made it clear that the military has many demands to make against the Government in connection with the successful prosecution of the "China Incident," but conceded "should any of the demands be considered unreasonable, there is no reason why the Government and Diet should not oppose them if there are valid reasons for doing so."

Major-General Muto's statement in the Japanese House of Representatives, which the "Nichi-nichi" says he made on behalf of the War Minister, General Shunroku Hata, was in response to an inquiry as to the views of the army on the current social system, army interference with political and economic matters and the ideal of co-operation among military, Government and political quarters.

In connection with the reply, which it regards as making clear the attitude which the army will take in future toward political affairs, the "Nichi-nichi" recalls that leadership of the masses was emphasized in the recent three-day conference of heads of regimental districts, and that the War Minister is expected to emphasize it further in a conference of divisional commanders to be held next month.

Gen. Muto's Speech

Major-General Muto, who represented the Japanese army in the Anglo-Japanese talks on Tientsin issues last summer, said in his reply:

"To surmount the emergency confronting Japan, we must have a common guiding principle. As General Count Hisaichi Terauchi declared some time ago while he was War Minister, all kinds of liberalism based on individualism must be set aside in dealing at present with international relations.

"A glance at the current international situation shows there is scarcely a nation that has not adopted nationalistic ideas and conceptions looking to national security. With regard to economic matters, the economic policies pursued by many countries are also based on imperialistic ideology. Some have gone so far as to embrace the policy of so-called bloc economy.

"I believe that we must struggle for the benefit of the nation rather than for the benefit of the individual even in peace-time economic warfare. Japan today faces an emergency, and so the people must do everything in their power to pass through it successfully. In foreign countries, this sort of idea is called totalitarianism.

Totalitarianism Urged

"Some time ago, General Terauchi declared that Japan must adhere to totalitarianism based on a clarified national polity. It might be well to call this the 'polity' principle.

"If the political parties become too much absorbed in party manœuvres and achievement of selfish asd private desires, they cannot be allowed to exist; and if officialdom goes too far in individualistic and self-centred policies, it must be made to reflect immediately on what it is doing.

"If there are any aspects of the attitude or views of the army which the general public considers to be arrogant, the army should amend them at once, I believe. In short, if the army and political and official quarters are bound tightly together by a clarified conception of the national polity after each has reflected on and amended defects, there would be no hardship beyond solution. A light could be seen ahead of us.

"If there is any political party still having the evils and abuses of internal strife and party policies, it

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N. China Political Council Forecast

Mr. Wang Keh-min to Head New Organization; Contact With Nanking Preserved

Peiping, Mar. 26.

Mr. Wang Keh-min, after his return to Peiping from Nanking, is scheduled to convene a meeting at which he will make a report on the Central Political Conference, and important matters relating to the North China Political Council—the body of which is to take the place of the Peiping "Provisional Government."

The dissolution of the Peiping "Provisional Government" is expected to be formally announced on March 29, and the North China Political Council, it is expected, will come into existence on April 1.

Sources in close contact with the "Provisional Government" state it was decided at the Central Political Conference that Mr. Wang Keh-min, Chairman of the Executive Commission of the "Provisional Government," should be appointed Chairman of the North China Political Council, and concurrently Superintendent of the Department of the Interior. It had previously repeatedly been rumoured locally that Mr. Wang Keh-min was to resign on the inauguration of the new central régime.

Other Appointments

Mr. Chu Shen, present Minister of Justice of the "Provisional Government," will, it is further learned, be appointed a standing member of the North China Political Council, and concurrently Superintendent of the Political Affairs Department.

Mr. Wang Shih-ching is expected to be appointed Superintendent of the Department of Finance; General Chi Hsieh-yuan Superintendent of the Department of Pacification; Mr. Tang Erh-ho Head of the Department of Education; Mr. Wang Yin-tai Head of the Department of Industry; and Mr. Yin Tung Head of the Department of Reconstruction.

The above-mentioned personnel, the same sources forecast, will be standing members of the North China Political Council.

Gen. Chi to Head Garrison

General Chi Hsieh-yuan, it is also reported, will be Commander-in-Chief of the North China Garrison Headquarters, to be established in Peiping.

Other members of the North China Political Council, it is stated, will be: Mr. Tung Kang, Mr. Wang I-tang, Mr. Su Ti-jen, Mr. Yu Ching-ho (the Mayor of Peiping) Mr. Chao Chi, Mr. Kiang Chao-tsung, Mr. Ma Liang and Mr. Pan Yu-kuei.

The Peiping office of the United Council of the "Provisional" and "Reformed Governments" was officially dissolved on March 22.

Direct telephone and wireless communication is to be established between Peiping and Nanking. A wireless office was opened in Peiping on March 22, and the telephone service, it is learned, will be put into operation in April.—Reuter.

Intense Air Activity By Allies, Nazis

West Front Land Patrols And Guns Also Livelier

Paris, Mar. 26.

The French and German air forces carried out intense activity yesterday, reconnoitring deep into each others' territory and conducting extensive patrols over the Siegfried and Maginot Lines, the French high command announced today.

In the Saar region and west of the Vosges the Germans staged a number of patrol attacks which were repulsed by the French, it was stated. Sporadic artillery duels continued throughout the day and night yesterday, it was understood.—United Press.

German Claims Refuted

London, Mar. 26.

Claims made by the official German news agency, to the effect that a considerable number of British planes were lost as a result of the attack on the island of Sylt, are wholly false, the Air Ministry announces. As already announced, only one British 'plane engaged in the operation failed to return to its base, the Ministry states.

Direct hits were registered on hangars, a jetty, a railway and other parts of the German base on the island of Sylt in the British air raid carried out on March 19, states a special commentary quoting information obtained from the Air Ministry.

Oil storage tanks and barracks were set on fire, the commentary says.

A reconnaissance flight on March 20 confirmed the success of the raid. Owing to atmospheric conditions no satisfactory photographs were obtained.—Reuter.

Budapest Keenly Interested in Rome Visit by Hungarian Premier

Italian Assurances Believed Sought Over Axis And Soviet Moves for Future of Balkan States

Budapest, Mar. 25.

Hungarian political quarters today remained chiefly interested in the Rome parleys carried on by Count Paul Teleki, Hungarian Premier, as he was due to meet Signor Benito Mussolini on Tuesday and to be received by the Pope on Thursday morning.

The Hungarian Cabinet was reliably reported to be "rather anxious" over the turn of events in Rome since the Hitler-Mussolini meeting at the Brenner Pass earlier this month.

More active German-Soviet cooperation and the prospect of a possible German-Italian-Soviet entente as regards the Balkans and Danubian Europe are hardly pleasing to the Hungarian Government, political circles here admitted. Italo-German advice that Hungary should drop revisionary demands on Rumania until the end of the war is regarded warily by the Government. Emphasized was the fact that if Italy were eventually to enter the orbit of German-Soviet collaboration, the move "would hardly find Hungary indifferent."

Some clarification of this tangled situation must have occurred in today's Rome meeting between Count Teleki and Count Galeazzo Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister. Count Ciano must have given the Hungarian Premier some indications on Italian policy in the Balkan-Danubian region. Count Teleki, for his part, probably reminded Count Ciano that maintenance of the Balkan "status quo" should not imply Hungarian renunciation of revisionist demands on Rumania, Hungarian observers stated.—Havas.

Hungarian Press Comment

London, Mar. 26.

Discussion concerning a Russian guarantee to the states of south-eastern Europe are proceeding, admits the daily "Pester Lloyd," mouthpiece of the Hungarian Government, according to the Budapest radio.

Commenting on the talks in Rome of the Hungarian Premier, Count Paul Teleki, the paper, referring to a report that such a guarantee was one of the topics, says it is true that conversations of this nature have been taking place. "It is further a fact," the journal states, "that the effect on southeastern Europe of German-Russian-Italian co-operation was discussed, but there is no reason for Italy to indulge in undue haste. Italy's policies are founded on sound principles and Italy therefore is in a position to wait as long as she wants to wait."—Reuter.

British Trade Delegate Arrives in Rome

Rome, Mar. 25.

The stage was set this evening for resumption of Anglo-Italian trade parleys with the arrival of British Commercial delegate, Mr. Playfair. Economic negotiations between Britain and Italy were interrupted some weeks ago when no middle ground could be discovered between British and Italian conditions on payment for the latter's imports of British coal. Italy proposed that Britain should take agricultural products in exchange whereas London insisted it should have access to the output of Italian heavy industry.—Havas.

Sweden Ready for Nordic Accord

Defence Against Attack Must Be Watchword for Scandinavian Peoples

Stockholm, Mar. 26.

Sweden's readiness to "collaborate in the examination of a project for a northern alliance" was reaffirmed by the Prime Minister, M. Albin Hansson, in a broadcast last night.

He said it was necessary at the same time to draw attention to the danger of giving birth to popular ideas which did not corresponded to the real situation.

He revealed that Sweden told Finland as long ago as mid-October that she could not count on direct Swedish military intervention in the event of war. It was necessary, he continued, to make an end once and for all of speculation suggesting that the resources of the north might be mobilized for ends other than defence against attacks on the north's peace and independence.

Only the slogan "peace at home and for our country" could rally the Nordic peoples, and in accordance with it they would deliberate how to organize their efforts for common protection, the Prime Minister stated.

Sweden could co-operate in the common Nordic task with the full right to make her opinion heard.

Sweden's policy of keeping out of the war had the support of the whole Swedish people, and moreover it should be recalled that the Nordic states never had engaged in any mutual military obligations, the Prime Minister concluded.—Reuter.

M. Reynaud to Speak on Foreign Policy

Appeal for More Energetic Prosecution of War

Paris, Mar. 26.

In a speech, which will be broadcast, M. Paul Reynaud is expected to give some idea of his foreign policy, and will appeal to the country to cooperate with the Government in carrying out a more energetic war policy. His references to the war policy are expected to be along the lines of a resolution passed by the Senate, during a secret session held on March 15.

On this occasion, the outcome of the Russo-Finnish conflict had led to the demand in some quarters that France and Britain should adopt a more energetic policy in the conduct of the war.

Press commentators now continue to urge the breaking of diplomatic relations with Russia.—Reuter.

Britain Will Not Recognize Wang

Chungking Still Regarded As Legal Government

London, Mar. 26.

On the eve of the inauguration of the new Chinese Central Government at Nanking under Mr. Wang Ching-wei, the British Government will clearly indicate to Japan that Great Britain continued to regard Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Chungking Government as the only legal Chinese national administration, reliable quarters said today.

The memorandum to Japan will also state that there will be no prospect of a change in such a British attitude in the immediate future, they added.—United Press.

Catholic Convents in Reich Seized

Expropriation of All Church Properties Expected

Amsterdam, Mar. 26.

The expropriation of Catholic convents is still continuing in Germany, according to the "Deutscheweg," Catholic organ published in the German language.

Nazi circles here believe that the entire property of the Catholic Church in the Reich will be taken over after the war.

Referring to the recent expropriation of the Heilandsfrieden Convent, near the Senne military camp of Westphalia, it is estimated that several million marks worth of property were seized by the state. The Gestapo arrested a friar and sent him to the Oranienburg concentration camp.—Havas.

Danish Neutrality Not Violated by R.A.F.

London, Mar. 26.

A bulletin issued yesterday by the Air Ministry denied reports published abroad that one or more Royal Air Force planes had violated Danish neutrality and fired on civilians.—Reuter.

Earth Recovers from Solar "Bombing"

New York, Mar. 26.

The earth today appeared to be slowly recovering from the electrical bombardment which crippled electrical communications, particularly short wave radio circuits.

Experts said repercussions from the solar storm some 92,000,000 miles away might continue with decreasing strength for two weeks more. Radio and telephonic communication with Europe was being slowly restored today. Land telegraphic lines and submarine cables were becoming normal.—United Press.

Lansing Predicted Present War

"Future Generation Will Have to Complete Work We Left Unfinished"

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Washington, Mar. 26.

Mr. Robert Lansing, Secretary of State under President Woodrow Wilson during the Great War, appears to have foreseen the present European conflict.

His secret papers, just published by the State Department, show that some months before the Armistice he indulged in the gloomy prophecy that unless all forms of dictatorial government were swept out of existence "some future generation will have to complete the work which we left unfinished."

The Lansing papers, published in two volumes running to over 1,200 pages, cintain a signed statement by General John J. Pershing, commander-in-chief of American forces in France, expressing the belief that the Allies should ignore the German request for an armistice and continue the offensive to obtain "a complete victory."

In the letter which contains the prophecy and which Mr. Lansing addressed to Col. E. M. House.

League of Democracies

Instead of a League of autocracies and democracies, Mr. Lansing suggested the formation of a League of democracies dedicated to spreading the ideas of democracy and democratic government throughout the world. When all nations were democracies, he said, there would be "no war, no necessities for treaties.... Until autocracy is entirely discredited and democracy becomes not only the dominent but the practically universal principle in the political systems of the world, I fear a League of Nations, particularly one proposing the use of force, would not function."

Later in the same letter he said, "We must crush Prussianism so completely that it can never rise again and we must end autocracy in every nation as well. A compromise with this system of government, and an attempt to form a League of Nations with autocratic governments as members will lack permancy. Let us uproot the whole miserable system and have done with it.

"I simply cannot think with complacency of temporising or compromising with the ruffians who brought on this horror, because to do so will get us nowhere and some future generation will have to complete the work which we left unfinished."

This letter was written in April, 1918.—Reuter.

Australian Cabinet to Review "Un-British" Resolution

New South Wales Labour Party Against War With Soviets; A.E.F. Troops Show Anger

Melbourne, Mar. 26.

THE Australian Prime Minister, Mr. R. G. Menzies, stated today that the Federal Cabinet would discuss the war policy resolution passed by the New South Wales Labour Party at its Easter Conference. The resolution declared, inter alia, "The conference makes it clear that it is opposed to any effort of the present anti-Labour Government to change the direction of the war by an aggressive act against any other country with which we are not at war, like the Soviet Union."

Mr. Menzies described the resolution as "un-British" and said Labour Party's war policy was one of steady disintegration. The Secretary-General of the Labour Party pointed out that in passing the resolution, the New South Wales Labour Party exceeded its powers.

The Federal Conference of the Australian Labour Party, he added, was the only body authorized to determine war policy, and its decisions bound all members of the party.—Reuter.

"Immediate, Just Peace"

London, Mar. 26.

The New South Wales Labour Party, in an uproarious session in Sydney, Australia, yesterday, adopted a motion demanding an immediate and just peace, the Sydney correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" reported yesterday.

The correspondent reported that sixty members of the second Australian Expeditionary Force raided the conference at Sydney demanding to see "the Communists responsible for the hands-off-Russia policy." The police, however, persuaded them to depart quietly, the correspondent said.

The motion was interpreted as equivalent to a demand for peace at any price and sharply conflicted with the Australian Labour Party's policy, the correspondent said.

The New South Wales party announced itself opposed to Australian participation in any overseas conflict, the correspondent continued. The party also opposed any effort by an anti-Labour government to extend the present war to involve "aggression against any other country with which they are at present not at war, including the Soviets."—United Press.

Nazi Embassy in U.S. Issues "Warning"

Allies Alleged Preparing "To Bomb Civilians"

Washington, Mar. 25.

Warning that the Allies are "preparing to bombard civilian populations" and that Germany will then claim tooth for tooth and eye for eye, was issued this morning in a communique published by the German Embassy.

The communique also accused the Allies of contemplating "to extend more and more pressure on neutrals to force them to participate in the war."

First impression created among American press correspondents and in political quarters was that Germany is "up to her old tricks again." She accuses her adversary of something which she intends to do herself in the near future. The German Government, these circles added, shows cynicism in accusing the Allies of intentions against German civilians considering that it is itself responsible for the bombardment of Polish open towns last September.

The denunciation of Allied efforts to influence neutrals was seen here as a rather "tactless" German attempt to stir up American isolationism.—Havas.

End of War in China Predicted

Japan Said Anxious to Conclude Hostilities

New York, Mar. 26.

Dr. T. Z. Koo, Secretary of the World Student's Federation, yesterday predicted the end of the Sino-Japanese conflict and a Chinese victory within two years.

In a speech to the World Service Committee of the Y.M.C.A., commemorating the 50th anniversary of the extension of Y.M.C.A. work to a foreign land, Dr. Koo said the "undeclared war.... has now reached a stage when the leaders of Japan are anxious to end it because of dwindling manpower and financial resources. China is preparing to launch the final phase of the struggle with high hopes of clearing the country of its invaders," he declared.—United Press.

Trade Treaty Signed By Iran, Russia

Teheran, Mar. 26.

A treaty of commerce between Iran and Russia has been signed, it is announced here.—Reuter.

Spy Hunt in Japan Would Be Aided By Absence of Public Curiosity

"Don't Ask Questions" Advises Tokyo Police Official; "Don't Talk About What You have Heard"

Tokyo, Mar. 26.

"Don't ask questions" is the injunction made to the general public in Japan by Mr. Tamezo Yamagata, chief of the Itabashi Ward Police Station in Tokyo, through the April issue of the "Yuben", one of the most popular Japanese magazines.

The "Yuben" summoned an informal round-table conference of the Superintendants of Tokyo Police stations, and, in the presence of the magazine's representatives, a discussion was held on the attitude which the public should take, from the viewpoint of the police, to cope with the present emergency times. The discussion seems to have chiefly centred in the means to detect spies and present their nefarious activities which are said to have increased lately in Japan.

The most important thing for the people to do in order to prevent spying is to refrain from being curious about anything except what is publicly announced by the government, Mr. Yamagata recommended.

"Don't talk about what you have heard," is the advice given to the public by Mr. Sadao Aoki, director of the second section of the Intelligence Bureau of the Metropolitan Board. There is a large number of spies in Japan, Mr. Aoki said, acting for the Chungking side. They are not necessarily Chinese, but Japanese and foreigners as well.

Everybody should know what are the forbidden subjects, and therefore avoid careless speaking, especially about the equipment of the Army, the number of divisions, details of the materials, mobilization plans, etc. Espionage activities are one of the reasons, Mr. Aoki said, that the government cannot let the nation know about the true aspects of various important matters. If people go round hunting for news, they will only grasp false stuff and rumours. Curiosity is at the root of all false rumours which may be heard at present, Mr. Aoki warns.—Havas.

Police Get $50,000 In Forgery Case

Notable Recovery Made; Two Chinese Arrested for Swindling Foreign Firm

Central Station detectives have completed their investigation of one of the largest forgery cases here in a long time and have arrested the two Chinese alleged to be responsible. Out of $60,000 obtained by the swindlers from a well known foreign firm, $50,000 has been recovered. Forged cheques were used by the criminals to defraud the company, and only the timely arrest of the alleged main figure in the conspiracy was responsible for yet another large cheque being stopped as it was about to be cashed. The latter cheque was for $40,000.

Messrs. Wilhelm Maier & Co., German, with offices at 264 Kiangse Road, was the firm victimized. It was discovered by Mr. Wilhelm Maier at the middle of this month that someone had very cleverly forged a number of cheques of the company using the false signature of his brother, Mr. Otto Maier, who departed for Germany several months ago. Both the name and the firm's chop had been so well imitated that the bank upon which the cheques were drawn, the Deutsch-Asiatische Bank, had cashed them. Blank cheques had been obtained likewise by forging Mr. Otto Maier's signature. The amounts inscribed on the cheques ranged from $2.000 to $5,000.

Detective Sergeant C. W. Krader was assigned to investigate the case and he learned that two young Cantonese clerks had been dismissed from the firm's service about a month after Mr. Otto Maier's departure from Shanghai. They had knowledge that Mr. Otta Maier would be absent for a long time.

Forger's Dupe Arrested

The report of the swindle, which amounted to a total of $60,000, was made to the Police on March 15 and the same day the detectives were able to arrest one of the two suspects, who had been the dupe of the actual forger and had presented the cheques for payment at the Deutsch-Asiatische Bank. The forger had paid this man only $1,500 for his part in the scheme. The arrest was made in a room of a Peking Road house, and the man was one of the pair dismissed by Maier & Co. some time previously.

The second man was apprehended on March 21. When the Police subsequently went to his room, in a house in Jessfield Road, they found various incriminating documents in the case. It was learned that he had spent some months in imitating Mr. Otto Maier's specimen signature until he had achieved what was well nigh a perfect forgery. The man further admitted that he had spent about $10,000 of his ill-gotten gains and that the remainder was secreted in the home of a relative in Moulmein Road. There Detective Sergeant Krader and Chinese detectives went and recovered from a trunk $45,000 in bank-notes and a bank-book containing a deposit of $5,000. Thus $50,000 out of the original $60,000 had been saved. The prisoner confessed that he had spent the $10,000 mainly on a "gay life," including $3,500 lost over the gambling tables in the Western district.

Both men have made brief separate appearances in the First Special District Court and are to appear there again together on April 2. The alleged forger, whose name is given as Oo Yang-hwei, aged 27, was in court yesterday and was remanded. The other man is Liang Su-hoong, 21. Both are Cantonese.

Detective Sergeant Krader was assisted in his exhaustive investigation by Detective Sub-Inspector Yang, of Central Station, and other Chinese detectives.

Chinese Girl Flyer to Make 25,000 Miles Tour

Raising Funds for War Refugees

Washington, Mar. 26.

Lee Ya-ching, attractive young Chinese girl flyer, is soon to leave the United States on a 25,000 miles air tour of South America and the West Indies to raise funds for the relief of war refugees in China.

She has already made a similar tour of 10,000 miles in the United States, collecting funds for her country's war chests.

Lee Ya-ching graduated in 1935 from the Boeing school of aeronautics in California. She is the only Chinese member of America's Caterpillar Club, which is composed of pilots who have bailed out of planes in parachutes in emergency.—Reuter.

National Funeral for French Scientist

Paris, Mar. 25.

A national funeral, with imposing ceremonies in the Basilica of Notre Dame, will be conducted for Dr. Edouard Branly, noted French scientist who died yesterday at the age of 96, it was decided today by the French government.—Havas.

'Plane Attacked Near Brussels

Brussels, Mar. 26.

Anti-aircraft batteries opened fire at an aeroplane of unknown nationality which flew at a great height about seven and a half miles south of the city.—Reuter.

Japanese Withdraw From Lingshan

Chinese Claim Successes; Wuyuan Capture in Sui-yuan Fighting Confirmed

Chungking, Mar. 26.

The Japanese forces at Lingshan are reported at present to be retreating in a westerly direction, in three columns, according to Chinese field despatches received here.

A Japanese detachment, north of Lingshan, is said to be retreating in the direction of Nanning.

Another detachment is stated to be retreating towards Yamchow via Wuli and Pehlao, while a third detachment is reported to be withdrawing in the direction of Siaotung, on the highway between Nanning and Yamchow.—Reuter.

Lungchow Bombed

A Japanese Army Air Base, Mar. 26.

Japanese army aircraft yesterday afternoon subjected a Chinese fuel depot at Lungchow near the Kwangsi French Indo-China border to almost continuous bombing attacks.

The stored gasoline and oil, set on fire by bombs, rose in dense columns of smoke that obscured the sun late in the afternoon, pilots said upon their return.

Junks tied alongside the banks of Lung River were also bombed and destroyed during the raids.—Domei.

Wuyuan Occupied

Chungking, Mar. 26.

The occupation of Wuyuan, an important city in the province of West Suiyuan, by Chinese troops, is given prominence in Chinese newspapers here this morning.

The occupation was reported to have been completed on the night of March 23.

Chinese field despatches claim that Chinese forces entered the new city of Wuyuan on March 21, engaging the Japanese in hand to hand street fighting. The occupation of the new city was stated to have been completed on the afternoon of March 22.

Chinese troops, which entered the old city, are stated to have engaged the Japanese forces in street fighting, and are said to have driven them to the suburbs on the same afternoon.

Despite heavy artillery and aerial bombardment, Chinese troops are declared to have vigorously assaulted Japanese positions south-west and also north-west of the city, finally capturing both strategic positions.

Press on to Pass

In pursuing retreating Japanese forces, the Chinese are reported to have captured Sishanchu, a town forty miles east of Wuyuan, on the afternoon of March 23.

Sishanchu is situated on a pass, which is considered the gateway to the province of West Suiyuan.

The Chinese occupation of Sishanchu is said to have ensured the security of Chinese positions at the bend of the Yellow River.

In the meantime, the Japanese are reported to be rushing reinforcements westward from Paotow. After reaching the north bank of the Wuchia River on March 22, Japanese troops are stated to have attempted to cross the river in the moonlight, but four attempts at crossing were said to have been repulsed by Chinese forces. Fighting is now said to be going on across the River.

Chinese war trophies from the Wuyuan front are said to have been transported to the rear for public exhibition.

These include: 27 field pieces; 112 machine guns; and 145 trucks.

Eleven Japanese prisoners are also said to have been captured.—Reuter.

Yangtze Attackers Beaten

Anking, Mar. 26.

In a concerted attack, in which they were supported by army and navy aircraft, three Japanese army units on Monday cleared mountainous areas south of Siangkow, 50 kilometres south-west of here, of Chinese troops attempting to interfere with Japanese communications on the Yangtze.

The Chinese abandoned 367 dead in addition to large quantities of arms and ammunition.

The hills in this area are between 600 to 800 feet above sea-level.

Army aircraft also machine-gunned large groups of Chinese troops near Tsiupu in south-western Anhwei and Shihmenkai on the northern Kiangsi border.—Domei.

Japanese Christians Make Appeal

Premature Judgment on War Deprecated

Warning that "some Christians passed moral judgment upon the Sino-Japanese conflict" thus entangling themselves in the world of politics, the Japanese Christian Federation in Shanghai urged co-operation for bringing about peace based on justice among all men in its message sent on March 18 to the Christian Foreign Service Convocation held in New York on March 17 and 18, it was announced yesterday. The message in full read:

"In these troublous days when people of the world are facing numerous physical and spiritual trials, the meeting of the Christian Foreign Service Convocation is a God-send.

"We extend our hearty congratulations and pray for abundant blessings upon the convocation and early attainment of Christian world order.

"Some Christians passed moral judgment on the Sino-Japanese conflict thus entangling themselves in the world of politics. However, we cannot agree with such an attitude taken by some Christians. We have faith in Lord Jesus Christ who says 'Judge not that ye be not judged for with what judgment ye judge and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.'

"And we appeal to you and Christian brotherhood to share with us in a common task of bringing peace based on justice among all men."

Printing Workers Strike For More Pay, Allowance

More than 100 workers of the A.B.C. Press in Szechuen Road struck work yesterday. The men, all members of the printing department, are asking for a $10 increase in wages and a rice allowance amounting to $5. Negotiations between the management and the men were unsuccessful and, yesterday, the Industrial Section of the Shanghai Municipal Council was asked to mediate in the dispute.

British Navy Tightens North Sea Blockade

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matter, may be compelled to give way to the Reich. Britain need not and will not.

Taking the case of Norway specifically, the same authoritative circles declared that following the Norwegian protest against violation of Norwegian territorial waters by British planes they expected a similar note against the activities of units of the British Fleet. Such a protest will be thoroughly investigated and will be judged on its merits.

Nazi Shipping Must Stop

Great Britain, Norway must be forewarned, however, is resolved to control the movements of German ships in the Skagerak region and on courses hugging the Scandinavian coasts. It is a matter of importance for Britain to control German ship movements in these regions for it is there that vast contraband trafficking is going on. Germany receives large stores of valuable supplies by trading on the Allies' respect for neutrality, it was pointed out.

All this does not mean that British warships and warplanes have received orders no longer to respect Norwegian neutrality, the authoritative quarters emphasized. It does mean that every case of a German ship sneaking contraband through neutrality-protected waters will be examined in its individual circumstances.

Since the Altmark incident, they stressed, Britain has become more determined than ever not to tolerate the twisting of international conventions to Germany's benefit, particularly since German warships have been repeatedly reported to have used neutral waters as a refuge after striking at Allied and neutral shipping.—Havas.

Japanese Political Parties Warned of Individualism

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should reform at once. Otherwise, it must, I think, be destroyed by lawful means.

"Army interference with political affairs often has been discussed. I believe that while Japan is at war the will of the army and the will of politicians must be in perfect accord. Were there a general who at the same time was a great politician, there would be no trouble, but in the present national structure generals who command armies cannot handle political affairs at the same time.

Criticism Welcomed

"If all politicians understood fully the will and the ideas of the army, the army could centre its energies on military affairs. As a matter of fact, however, this is impossible. Accordingly, the army must ask of the policians this and that in connection with prosecution of the war in China.

"If the demands of the army are thought too strong, I hope all those in political and official quarters will not hesitate to express frankly their opinions. By doing so, they can promote mutual understanding.

"If you say the army is too strong, I may reply that the politicians are too weak. In short, I hope earnestly that everyone of us will realize the mission of Japan and endeavour to harmonize the tactics of war and politics by exchanging opinions honestly."—Reuter.

Wang Ching-wei Regime Criticized

Only Possible Through Japanese Support

New York, Mar. 26.

The new Nanking Government under Mr. Wang Ching-wei, leader of the Nanking Kuomintang, can exist only as long as it is protected by the Japanese army, the "New York Daily News" stated in an editorial today.

The editorial, entitled "The Traitor, Wang Ching-wei—Japan's Puppet in China," stated:

"The Government of China's Benedict Arnold can last only so long as it is upheld by Japanese bayonets. That is why the United States may write the last chapter in the story of Wang. The United States could give the Japanese invasion a terrific blow by clapping on an embargo."—United Press.

N.Z. Labour Party Peace Aims

821 Voted in Support Against 104

Wellington, N.Z., Mar. 26.

By 821 votes to 104, the New Zealand Labour Party today endorsed the statement outlined by the National Executive of the Party and the National Council of the Federation of Labour on February 22, which, among other things, supported the peace aims of the British Labour Party as enunciated by its leader, Mr. C. R. Attlee.

The statement said there would be no conscription in New Zealand while Labour was in power, and declared in favour of the freedom of speech and opinion.

"To fail to render the fullest support in the fight against Nazism," it added, "would brand the Labour movement as politically irresponsible or worse."—Reuter.

New Type of Light-Ship

London, Mar. 26.

A new type of light-ship is to be placed in service shortly, and was launched at Yarmouth today. The lights on this ship burn automatically for two months without attention. This type of vessel will replace the light-ships manned by a crew which have suffered heavily from German air raids of late.—Havas.

Lord Tweedsmuir Leaves Books to Library

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 26.

In his only bequest of a public nature, the late Lord Tweedsmuir directed his trustees to hand over to the National Library of Scotland "all books in my library dealing with the Marquis of Montrose which the National Library may desire."—Reuter.

Amsterdam-Berlin Air Service

Meteorological Data Obtained by Germans Over Neutral Route

Amsterdam, Mar. 25.

Manned by German crews, a German commercial plane now assures twice-daily post and freight air service between Berlin and Amsterdam, making the flight over a set course authorized by the Dutch Government.

Agreement on maintenance of such a service over neutral Dutch territory by German airmen was reached after lengthy parleys. Berlin attempted similar negotiations with Belgium, but was turned down as it insisted that German and not Belgian crews and planes be used.

Britain, it was pointed out, agreed that her London-Amsterdam air service should be carried on by Dutch as well as by British airmen and planes. Germany's insistence that her own men only be put on the route was seen here as a manœuvre to obtain meteorological observations to aid war pilots in their raids over British coasts.

German diplomats and delegation members, to the exclusion of all other passengers, are also using the air service and indeed German diplomats at The Hague and Brussels have of late made several quick trips to Berlin.

The plane used on the flights is of the commercial Junker B-6 type. The Hague demanded that solely three previously-designated German crews maintain the service and that any changes in these crews should be submitted to its approval in advance.

An incident has already occurred on the regular route for the Germans substituted a different type of plane for the Junker B-6 which Dutch anti-aircraft observation posts have been instructed to permit to fly over. That other craft had to turn back shortly after crossing the Dutch border, for it was not recognized and risked destruction by "archie" fire.

Military importance is attached to the flights because they occur regularly, twice daily, permitting of steady meteorological observation.—Havas.

Canada Votes After Dull Campaign

Liberals Expected to Get Clear Majority

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Ottawa, Mar. 26.

Canada went to the polls today after what was generally regarded as the dullest and most placid election campaign in Canadian history. The Liberals are expected to have a clear majority of about 50.

Week-end blizzards in Quebec and Ontario and severe weather in western Canada threatened to curtail the popular vote.

French Canada's vote has remained questionable despite the Liberals' great provincial victory in Quebec last year. The Liberals have not enunciated a very clear-cut programme but requested the mandate for five more years on the basis of their record.

Opposition Conservatives have been content with attacking the Government's past policy and advancing rather vague proposals for changes if they win.—Reuter.

U.S. Warplanes Going To Allies

Order of 600 Diverted to Use of Britain, France

Washington, Mar. 26.

A broad policy has been tentatively agreed upon to divert for sale to Britain and France between 500 and 600 new model planes being constructed for the Army and Navy, it was learned here today.

The decision was reached by a conference of naval and military officials here, including the Secretary of War, Mr. Harry H. Woodring, the Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Charles Edison, the Chief of Air Corps, Major General H. H. Arnold, and the Chief of Staff of the Army, General George C. Marshall.

Meanwhile, the Senate Military Affairs Committee yesterday considered a resolution asking for an inquiry into Allied plane purchases in the United States, charging that they delayed American orders.—United Press.

U.S. Liner Released From Control Station

Vessel Has Iron Cargo For Turkey

Istanbul, Mar. 26.

The American Export liner Exhibitor (5,000 tons), which was intercepted by the British Contraband Conrol at Gibraltar some days ago and detained, has now been released.

The ship is said to have on board a cargo of iron destined for Turkey. It is reported that the Allies have undertaken not to interfere in future with Turkey's iron imports from America.—Reuter.

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FUNERALS

Mrs. E. M. Vincent-Botelho

The remains of the late Mrs. Esmenia Maria Vincent-Botelho were laid to rest yesterday afternoon at the Pahsienjao Cemetery, in the presence of relatives and a number of friends. In the morning Requiem Mass was celebrated at the Church of Christ the King on Rue Bourgeat by Father L. F. McGreal. The last rites at the graveside were carried out by Father Gonsalves.

The deceased was the widow of the late Elias Francisco Botelho and grandmother of Guido, Peter, Nestore, Angela di Lorenzo, Mrs. A. Paubel and Mrs. J. R. G. Siqueira. She died at her residence on Avenue du Roi Albert last Thursday at the age of seventy-three years.

The coffin, upon which rested a beautiful spray of flowers from "Guido", was carried to the grave by Messrs. G. R. Botelho, A. E. Collins, A. P. da Roza, C.A. Victal, N. Dizon and A. Andradi. Among others sending flowers were:—

Baby and Joe; Nestore and Mucia; Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Davies; Mr. and Mrs. Don Jose; M. L. Kow; C. C. Ma; Mr. and Mrs. F. G. dos Remedios; Mr. and Mrs. A. P. da Roza; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. M. da Silva; and others.

Mr. Nicolaos Podarikis

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon for the late Mr. Nicolaos Podarikis, aged 68 years, at the Russian Cathedral on Route Paul Henry, followed by interment at the Lokawei Cemetery. Father Modest conducted the services at the Church and cemetery assisted by the Russian choir. Mr. Podarikis was well known in the local Greek community, many of whom attended the services. The coffin was carried to the grave by Messrs. A. C. Nicolachis, H. H. Tsicrictsi, G. Stamatelata, D. Negris, A. Mihael and D. Chelmis. Among those sending floral tributes were:—

John and Penelope; R. Consulate General for Greece; The Hellenic Benevolent Society; Mr. and Mme. Joseph Amour; Mr. and Mrs. D. Chelmis and family; Mr. and Mrs. F. Christodoulou; Mr. and Mrs. N. Katemi; Mrs. E. D. Katemopoulos and family; Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Karas; Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Negris; Rapanakis family; Mr. and Mrs. Emm. P. Yannoulatos; and others.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the International Funeral Directors.

Mrs. S. V. Heley

In presence of a very large attendance of mourners, the remains of the late Mrs. Annie Winnifred Heley, wife of Mr. S. V. Heley of the Chinese Maritime Customs, were laid to rest in Bubbling Well Cemetery yesterday afternoon. The chief mourner was the husband, Mr. S. V. Heley who was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Macpherson. The services in the Chapel and at the graveside were conducted by the Very Rev. A. C. S. Trivett of the Cathedral. The pallbearers were: Captain Miners, Messrs. D. Phillips, J. Mudford, L. Beattie, T. Avery and M. O'Halloran. A beautiful pillow from her loving husband and a cross from Jeanipopps were lowered into the grave with the coffin. Among others sending floral tributes were:—

Her loving brothers and sisters, Aunty Flo and Mary, Grandpa Heley, Her loving friends at Home, All at Quinsan, Perth, Sir Frederick and Lady Maze, Mr. H. C. Morgan, Madge and Mac, Maudie and Harry, Mr. and Mrs. L. Beattie and Sadie, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Groves, Mr. Hirokichi Kishimoto, Sally, Arthur and Colin, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Shields, the Committee and Members, Shanghai Junior Golf Club, Marjorie and Muddy, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Collin, Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Silgalw, Mr. and Mrs. A. Telfer, Mr. and Mrs. R. Francis, Elizabeth M. Stephan, Mr. and Mrs. Packwood, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hall, Dorothy and Jim, Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Bown, Mrs. J. J. Lovelock and family, Mr. and Mrs. B. Poletti, Mr. P. H. Shaw, Appraising Staff—C. M. Customs. Mr. and Mrs. C. Grazioli, Lydia and Don, Staff of the Inspectorate General of Customs, Mr. J. E. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. George Flynn, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Davis and Noel, Mr. and Mrs. M. Keane, The Executive Staff Chinese Maritime Customs, The Staff of the Tariff Secretariat, Inspectorate General of Customs, Mr. and Mrs. Yves-Henri Cloarec, Mr. M. O'Halloran, Members Shanghai Recreation Club, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Scobie, Daisy and Bill, Holts Wharf, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Davison, Doris and Francis Miners, Sybil Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Poole, S. Halliwell, Mr. T. C. Avery, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Reiniger, V. V. Pravikoff and family, Mr. Hu Fu-sen, Muriel and Finlay McLay, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Fabian, H. P. Malloy, Pete, Anne, Joyce and Lorna, Mrs. E. C. Nossoff and Mila, Woo Yao-teh, Lo Pak Hung, Lin Ming Chan, H. T. Sun, Y. Huang, Ho Shinlun, Joseph Y. S. Huang, Kuan Kuang Yan, etc.

The funeral arrangements were in the care of Messrs. Thomas Macdonald & Co.

Another Shooting In Connaught Rd.

S.M.P. Detectives, "Special Municipality" Officers Engage Armed Robbers

Infamous, lawless area of Shanghai, the Connaught Road badlands district was the scene of yet another intense shooting affray last night when three British detectives of the Shanghai Municipal Police and a party of "Special Municipality" officers engaged an armed band of robbers in a running gunfight which resulted in the death of one desperado and the wounding of two others, both of whom, however, managed to escape into a maze of alleyways.

Scene of the affray was a row of shops and an alleyway in front of the China General Omnibus Co. garages where an alarm was raised at about 8.45 p.m. after about six armed robbers had entered a house and had decamped with clothing and other articles. Proceeding in a police car near the spot were Detective Sub-Inspector McCahey and Det. Sergts. Eynstone and Muir of Gordon Road station.

Noticing a party of four "Special Municipality" policemen dashing towards the scene, the foreign officers stopped their car, took on board the Chinese officers, and arrived in time to see the robbers running away down the alleyway. Both police parties opened fire immediately and this fire was returned by the robbers.

One robber was hit several times by bullets from both police parties and he collapsed in the alleyway. When picked up he was still alive but unconscious. Later, after being taken away by "Special Municipality" officers, he died from his wounds. A pistol was taken from his grasp and also several stolen articles to the value of about $500 were recovered from his person and from the alleyway, where they had been dropped by the desperadoes in their flight.

The other members of the gang, only two of whom were seen by the police and were hit by bullets, managed to escape into the surrounding area. A party of Italian marines with steel helmets and in full marching order arrived on the scene after the shooting but their services were not required.

Famous British Airmen In R.A.F. Casualty List

Plymouth-Australia Flier Wounded in Action

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 26.

Two officers who had made a name for themselves in peace-time aviation are included in the last casualty list of the British air force.

They are Flying-Officer S. D. Slocum, who was killed in action, and Flight-Lieutenant H. B. Johnson, who was wounded in action.

Flying-Officer Slocum had been for some years with British Airways, and had flown more than a million miles, while Flight-Lieut. Johnson was one of the pilots of the R.A.F. formation of flying-boats which in December, 1937, flew from Plymouth to Australia.

The list includes the name of eight officers and men killed in action and eight wounded or injured in action, and 28 killed on active service and 11 wounded or injured on active service.—Reuter.

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American Straw Vote Result

Messrs. J. W. Carney and N. F. Allman were the successful candidates in the straw vote conducted by the American community for nominees for the coming election of the Shanghai Municipal Council. The unsuccessful candidate was Mr. R. T. McDonnell. The poll closed yesterday, and the votes were counted last night.

Gold Prices Soar In Shanghai

Speculators Believed to Be Behind New Rise on Gold Bar Market

Quite a big stir was caused in Chinese circles in Shanghai yesterday, when, after a four-day Easter holiday, the market found the price of gold quoted at a new high of $5,300 per a 10-ounce gold bar. The price already reached the $5,200 in the morning. Fluctuations followed but at the noon closing, the rate was still in the neighbourhood of $5,300.

The Chinese evening press indicated that uneasiness was prevailing in the market but gave no exact reason why the price had suddenly followed an upward trend. Speculators were blamed, but other Chinese sources stated that a certain Chinese bank, most probably one not taking orders from Chungking, was buying gold in large quantities.

The evening closing price of gold on March 21 was $5,158. The increase registered yesterday therefore amounted to more than $130. Many silver and gold ornament shops had to change their price plates twice yesterday because of the sudden changes in price. The first price was quoted at $525 per ounce but later it was changed into $535.

Most of the Chinese here use the price of gold as a gauge for prices of commodities and the increase of its price is always a matter of concern. To discourage gold and other speculation businesses in Shanghai which are said to be at the root of the financial problem here, it is reported that Chungking is trying its utmost to lure Chinese here to send their legal tender notes to the interior under Chungking's control. No remittance fee will be charged.

On the other hand, remittances destined for Shanghai, Foochow, Ningpo, Wenchow, Canton, Nanning, Swatow and other places where the Japanese influence is strong are being carefully checked by Chungking officials. Money remitted to the above mentioned places must be used for buying necessaries and for sending $1,000 to Shanghai from Chungking a remittance fee of $50 will be charged. Chinese reports state.

Cotton Speculators to Be Punished

Chungking, Mar. 26.

Offenders of the regulations prohibiting speculation in cotton yarn will, in future, be dealt with in accordance with military law, stated an announcement made by the Chinese National Government yesterday. —Reuter.

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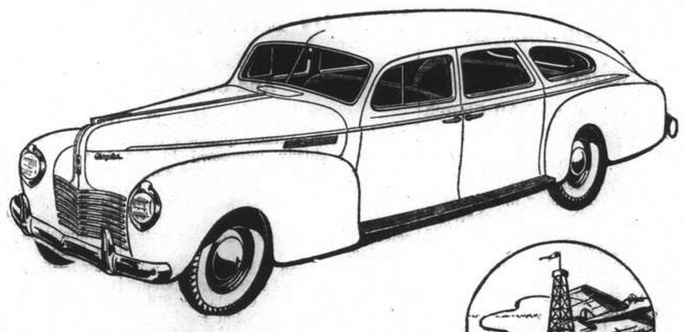

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FROM DAY TO DAY

THOSE who have booked tables for the British Women's Association bridge and mahjongg tea today are asked to bring their own mahjongg sets and cards.

THE dramatic department of the American Women's Club are presenting the following plays in the club rooms on Friday, at 9 p.m.:—"Chinese Ginger Ale;" "In a glass darkly" and "Half-an-hour."

MR. Raymond Kowles of Kwangsi Province will speak this evening over XMHD, 760 K. C., 395 Metres at 8.30 p.m. on the subject: 'The Conquerering Christ.' All are cordially invited to "Tune in."

A BRIDGE and mahjongg tea in aid of the Ministering Children's League is being held today at 3 p.m. at Charter House, 158 Edinburgh Road, kindly lent by Mrs. H. C. Hopkins. Lady Mossop has kindly consented to present the prizes.

LOCAL Chinese banking circles have agreed to continue to extend credit loans to legitimate business circles to meet their urgent requirements, but are determined to assist the two foreign municipal authorities in checking speculation in commodities, says the "Sin Wan Pao."

"MUSIC and Laughter," Gala Performance in aid of Polish war victims, will start punctually at 9 p.m. tonight at the Lyceum Theatre. A fine programme has been provided. Tickets for a raffle will be sold and many beautiful prizes offered. A special "door prize" will be presented to the holder of the lucky programme number.

THE 26th session of the International Labour Conference will be held at Geneva on June 5, in spite of the European War, according to Mr. Ling Kang-hou, Secretary-General of the Chinese Bankers' Association, and the Chinese employers' delegate to the conference, says the "Sin Wan Pao." All the participating countries will continue to send their delegates to the conference, the paper says.

ON Thursday, March 28, at 10 o'clock, the members of the Civic Department, American Women's Club, will meet outside the main entrance of Jessfield Park for a tour of inspection of the Street Waifs' Hostel, which is maintained by Mrs. W. A. Main at 37A Brenan Road. In case of rain, the tour will be postponed. Other members of the American Women's Club are cordially invited to join the group.

INCREASE production of sugar in Szechuen Province to meet all the provincial needs has enabled the manufacturers to export the surplus to other provinces and outports, says a Chungking message to the "Sin Wan Pao." Most of the sugar factories were moved from Kwangtung and Fukien Provinces following the outbreak of hostilities, and they are now in full operation, showing increased production, the report states.

THE Shanghai Municipal Council health report for the week ending midnight, March 23, shows that the total number of deaths from all causes amongst the foreign and Chinese population in the Settlement were—Foreigners 10 and Chinese 680. Deaths from notifiable diseases were—Foreigners, tuberculosis 2, and Chinese tuberculosis 26; typhoid fever 18; dysentery 4; influenza 4; typhus fever 4; relapsing fever 2 and malaria, measles 1 each.

THE Magazine Fort in Dublin's Phoenix Park, raided by Eire's Republicans for arms and ammunition in the Christmas week-end, was built in the first half of the 18th century. The original Gloomy Dean, Jonathan Swift, was bitter in his poetic comment on the building of the fort:—

Behold a proof of Irish sense,
Here Irish wit is seen:
When nothing's left that's worth defence
They build a Magazine!

CELEBRATIONS to mark the return of the Reorganized National Government of China to its former capital are being arranged here this week by Japanese residents, firms, and the Shanghai Special Municipality, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reported yesterday. Festivities, to be held under the joint auspices of the S.S.M. and the Japanese Residents Corporation will parade in the streets and an athletic meet between Japanese and Chinese will take place in Hongkew Park.

THE health report of the French Municipality for the week ending March 23, shows that the total number of deaths from all causes amongst the foreign and Chinese population in the Concession were—Foreigners 4 and Chinese 224. Deaths from notifiable diseases were—Foreigners, typhus fever 1, Chinese, tuberculosis 25; pneumonia 8; typhoid and paratyphoid fevers 7; dysentery 3; cerebrospinal meningitis 2; erysipelas 2; and grippe, measles, scarlatina, typhus fever, beri-beri, septiceamia 1 each.

ONE of the most influential, if little known, personages in the educational world, Dr. Robert Fitzgibbon Young, has just retired under the age limit. He was secretary of the Consultative Committee of the British Board o Education, and is a most remarkable man who hates publicity. Reports issued by that committee known by the names of the "Hadow" report and the "Spens" report, for example, were very largely the work of Dr. Young, although named after the chairman for the time being. Both scientist and linguist, he is one of the few Englishmen who speak the Czech language, and he knows several others.

THE programme for the twenty-fourth Sunday symphony concert to be given in the Lyceum Theatre on March 31, at 5.15 p.m. is as follows:—
"Introduzione—Aria—Presto" for Strings only .....Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)
(First Performance)
Notturno .....Lully (1633-1687)
Chaconne et Rigodon .....Monsigny (1729-1817)
Symphony in C major No. 41, "Jupiter" .....Mozart (1756-1791)
Allegro vivace
Andante
Menuetto-Allegretto
Finale-Molto Allegro
From "Impression d'Italie"..Charpentier
Serenades (Viola Solo: J. Podushka)
A Mules
Capriccio Espagnol ..Rimsky-Korsakoff
Alborada
Variations and Alborada
Scena e canto Gitano
Fandango Asturiano
Conductor: Maestro Mario Paci

No Passes Needed For Nantao

All Chinese Districts Now Opened to Chinese; Trial Period for Nantao

Chinese residents in Shanghai who enter or leave Nantao are no longer required by the Japanese military there to show their passes. The pass system was instituted more than two years ago as a precautionary measure taken against undesirable elements, and it would appear that the abolition of such a system, already effected in Hongkew and Chapei, is in keeping with the Japanese policy of supporting the new Chinese regime in Nanking and restoration of prosperity in the native city.

The native city is therefore formally reopened to the Chinese public for the first time since the conclusion of hostilities, but Nantao residents state that the abolition of the pass system is an experiment which will last for a week after which time the city will be opened to the public permanently if nothing untoward has happened. Their statement coincides with Chinese reports which state that the Japanese naval authorities are still hesitant about the matter, fearing that Chinese terrorists may go to the native city.

The pass abolition was effected on Monday but it was declared that search regulations were still in force. In fact, however, only highly suspicious persons carrying bundles might be searched, it is learned. The Chinese press states that despite the abolition of the pass restriction very few Chinese have ventured to return so far and that restoration of prosperity will be a difficult task.

Some weeks ago, it will be recalled, as a result of negotiations between officials of the Shanghai Special Municipality, and authorities in the French Concession, iron gates separating the native city from the Concession were re-opened. Many people made use of the easy exit but it was only on Monday that they were told that no pass would be required. With the formal re-opening of the native city and with the reported relaxing of pass restriction in Pootung and entire abolition of the same system in Hongkew and Chapei, all the Chinese areas surrounding foreign areas in Shanghai have now been re-opened to the Chinese by Japanese military authorities.

Motors and Machinery Taken by Big Gang

Lane off Singapore Road Scene of Midnight Coup

Another robbery involving industrial property was committed late on Monday night when a gang of twelve obtained loot worth $2,600 at House 417, Lane 187 Singapore Road, and escaped. It was about midnight when the bandits left the premises.

The plunder included such heavy articles as two electric motors and various parts of a cotton spinning machine. Clothing and $320 in cash also were taken. Although two of the intruders carried pistols, no shots were fired.

WEDDING

James-De Fryde

The wedding took place yesterday afternoon at the Church of Christ the King of Mr. William Stephen Ellerington James, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. James, of London, and Miss Marie-Madeleine de Frydé, daughter of the late Mr. W. de Frydé and Mme de Frydé of Tsingtao. The Rev. Leo F. McGreal, S.J., officiated.

The bride, who was given away by Mr. F. B. Elliott, wore a gown of white tribute satin cut on princess lines, full at the back and with long tight-fitting sleeves. Her tulle veil was held by a spray of orange blossoms and she carried a sheath of calla lilies. The matron of honour was Mrs. F. B. Elliott and the bridesmaids were the Misses Marjory Courtney and Eileen Faulkner. The matron of honour wore a turquoise crêpe frock with maroon accessories and her corsage was of maroon sweet peas. The bridesmaids' frocks were of turquoise tribute satin, the bodice made with a heart-shaped neckline and short puffed sleeves, and the skirts full. They wore long white gloves and heart-shaped halo hats of the same material as the frocks. Their Victorian posies were of dark red sweet peas. Mr. G. C. Bloom was best man and the ushers were Messrs. C. Appelboom and R. P. Dobson.

The bride's mother wore a navy blue crêpe frock with navy and white accessories, her corsage being of white sweet peas and freesias.

After the ceremony a reception was held at 879 Rue Ratard, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Elliott. The bride went away in a turquoise crêpe frock with wine coat and accessories and turquoise toque. The honeymoon will be spent in Japan.

"N.D.N." Photo.

Wedding of Mr. W. S. E. James and Miss de Fryde

The wedding took place yesterday afternoon at the Church of Christ the King of Mr. W. S. E. James, of the Yee Tsoong Tobacco Distributors, Ltd. and younger son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. James of London, and Miss Marie-Madeleine de Frydé, younger daughter of the late Mr. W. de Frydé and Mme de Frydé of Tsingtao. The matron of honour was Mrs. F. B. Elliott and the bridesmaids were the Misses Marjory Courtney and Eileen Faulkner. Mr. G. C. Bloom was best man and the ushers were Messrs. C. Appelboom and R. P. Dobson.

S.M.C. Issues Financial Statement for 1939

Ordinary Income and Expenditure Account Shows Deficit of $1,343,611.59; Rate Schedule Fixed

THE financial statement of the Shanghai Municipal Council for 1939 reveals that a deficit of $1,343,611.59 in the ordinary income and expenditure account has been carried over to 1940. The estimates of the capital budget for 1940 show that $1,231,500 will be required for items relating to constructional projects and purchases of plant and equipment.

The Treasurer reported to the Finance Committee meeting on March 18 that the actual results of the working on the ordinary income and expenditure account for 1939 disclosed an initial deficit on "General account of $5,836,102.35 subject to audit. This figure has been reduced by a sum of $449,761.97 representing the relief to the ordinary budget by reason of the revision of accounting procedure for consumable stores. The remaining deficit was thus $5,386,340.38. By utilizing reserves in partial relief of the 1939 deficit, a sum of $4,042,728.79 is available from Loan Suspense Account, in lieu of the amount of $2,323,780 originally ear-marked in the 1939 budget.

This adjustment has been effected and the balance of the 1939 deficit to be carried forward to 1940 is now $1,343,611.59. The previously estimated deficit for 1939 on "Education" account of some $30,150 did not materialize, as the actual expenditure of this department did not necessitate the transfer from ordinary income—General of the full permissible equivalent of a 2 per cent. general municipal rate together with the correlative proportion of land tax. The relevant rate of the actual transfer was 1.97 per cent. The financial statement submitted by the Treasurer was recommended for adoption by the Finance Committee and the Committee's recommendation was endorsed by the Council at its meeting on March 20.

Capital Budget

The Treasurer submitted for the consideration of the Finance Committee at its meeting on March 18 statements summarizing the provisional capital budget for 1940. These estimates as amended subsequent to decisions in Committee follow:—

Expenditure:—The deficit to be brought forward from 1939 amounts to $2,970,530, subject to audit. This result compares very favourably with the deficit for the previous year of some $7,776,590. Items relating to constructional projects and purchases of plant and equipment have received the approval of the various departmental committees and are estimated to cost $1,231,500. A blanket appropriation of some $650,000 is required under the heading of emergency measures to cover approved expenditure and to provide for contingencies.

Provision of $950,000 for the balance of the capitalization of the pension fund is a normal annual charge on the capital budget until such time as the requisite peak level of the fund has been reached. This provision does not take into account exchange adjustment on pensions. Loan redemption requirements total $5,484,320 and cover the redemption of fixed deposit balances and partial liquidation of temporary borrowings in foreign currencies by repayment of U.S.$100,000 in quarterly instalments of U.S.$25,000 as heretofore and by the conversion and consolidation into local currency of an amount of U.S.$130,625. Education requirements relate to building contruction work and are shown as a deduction from "Income" at $89,600.

Income:—Sales of surplus properties and Miscellaneous Income are estimated to produce $980,000. This sum represents mainly the cost of the Island Site recently sold to the Italian Government and provides a margin for further sales of a more minor character. The amount to be raised by debentures or other measures is shown at $16,000,000. Of this amount $12,000,000 will be absorbed by the financial arrangements recently concluded with the Council's bankers. The balance is required to liquidate the capital deficit brought forward from 1939 and to purchase the necessary investments wherewith to secure additions to the pension fund during the year.

In its present form the extraordinary budget for 1940 discloses a small estimated surplus of $30,770 to be carried forward to 1941. The capital budget for 1940 was recommended for adoption by the Finance Committee and the Council on March 20 endorsed the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Schedule of Rates

The proposed schedule of rates, taxes, dues and fees for 1940 was submitted to the meeting of the Finance Committee held on March 18. It was agreed to recommend adoption of the Schedule and that taxation be levied at the following rates:—

Land Tax:—At the rate of 9/10ths of one per cent. from January 1, 1940, with a surcharge of 50 per cent. from July 1, 1940, until the next annual meeting of ratepayers, on the values of all land within the limits of the Settlement, payable by the renters thereof, half-yearly in advance.

General Municipal Rate at 18 per cent. from April 1, 1940, with a surcharge of 50 per cent. from July 1, 1940, until the next annual meeting of ratepayers, on the assessed rentals of buildings within the Settlement, payable by the occupants, quarterly in advance.

Special Rate at 16 per cent. from April 1, 1940, with a surcharge of 50 per cent. from July 1, 1940, until the next annual meeting of ratepayers, payable quarterly in advance on the assessed rentals of buildings beyond Settlement limits enjoying Settlement amenities including public utility services.

Licence Fees:—All Licence and other fees to be subject to a surcharge of 10 per cent. until June 30, 1940, and to a surcharge of 50 per cent. from July 1, 1940, until the next annual meeting of ratepayers. The Council on March 20 endorsed the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Heavy Court Roll After Easter Holidays

Many Criminals Arrested During Festival

During the Easter holidays, the Settlement police have arrested no less than 415 suspicious characters in various districts and more than 200 of them are involved in criminal cases, it was revealed in the First Special District Court yesterday when both the police and court authorities had a busy time with the newly arrested men. All the court rooms were filled with prisoners, their friends and relatives.

One interesting case was brought up by the Gordon Road police in whose district two men were arrested on Sunday. They were arrested in the evening near Yenping Road and in their possession a pistol and $20 were found. Soon after their arrest, their victim turned up saying that he had been robbed of $29 and he identified one of the arrested men as a robber. They were remanded in custody pending further investigations.

Another interesting criminal case is that the original of many counterfeit Chinese bank notes has been traced to a man employed by a gambling house in the "badlands." He was brought before the court together with another man arrested in Hart Road and alleged to be the owner of the fake money.

Wang Yi-ching, the gambling house employee, was arrested on Monday and on his person the police found more than $130 in counterfeit notes purporting to be issued by the Bank of Communications and Farmers Bank of China. He implicated the other man as the owner of the notes and so the latter was arrested, although no fake notes were found in his Hart Road home. Both of them tried to shift the responsibility of the crime and the hearing was postponed pending further investigations.

Economy Committee: An Explanation

Attention has been drawn to the fact that misunderstanding has arisen from the Shanghai Municipal Council's recent communique which stated that the new committee appointed to investigate the possibility of economy would not be able to make a report during the current municipal year. Reference was intended to the current municipal year ending at the time of the forthcoming ratepayers' meeting, (April 17) and not to the calendar year 1940. It is hoped that it will be possible for the committee to submit interim reports to the Council from time to time during 1940.

Mr. Killery Leaving For Home Today

Vice-Chairman of I.C.I. Given New Post at Home

Shanghai will lose one of its leading personalities by the departure today of Mr. V. St. J. Killery, Vice-Chairman of Imperial Chemical Industries (China) Ltd.

Mr. Killery came to China in October, 1933, and has been Vice-Chairman of Imperial Chemical Industries (China) Ltd. since that date. He is now returning to England to take up an appointment with the parent Company, Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd.

Born in June, 1900, Mr. Killery was educated at Eton and Brasenose College, Oxford. In 1923 he joined Brunner Mond & Co. Ltd., one of the constituent companies of I.C.I. and from 1929 to 1933 was a Director of I.C.I. (Fertiliser & Synthetic Products) Ltd.

From the time of his arrival in Shanghai, Mr. Killery has taken a keen and active interest in the affairs of this city. He served on the Traffic Committee of the Shanghai Municipal Council from 1934 to 1935, and held a seat on the Council from 1935 to 1936 and from 1937 to 1938 during the hostilities in Shanghai. From 1937 to 1938 he was also a member of various S.M.C. Standing Committees and Special Committees, and from 1938 to 1940 has been on the S.M.C. Finance Committee.

Mr. Killery served on the General Committee of the B.R.A. 1934/35 and was a member of the General Committee of the British Chamber of Commerce during the years 1934 to 1940 except for intervals for Leave in 1936 and 1938.

Mr. and Mrs. Killery will be missed by the foreign and Chinese community amongst whom they have many friends.

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£1 @ 4 1/16d.	$ 58.63
U.S. $100 @ 6 1/4	$1,600.00
Francs 301	$100
Yen 26 5/8	100
Guilders 11 5/8	100
Rupees 22 5/8	100
Pesos 12 1/2	100
Hongkong $27 1/2	100

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 4 1/16d.	$ 57.31
U.S. $100 @ 6 1/16	$1,553.39
London—demand, $1=	4 1/16d.
4 months' sight credits	4 1/16d.
4 months' sight docts	4 1/16d.
6 months' sight credits	4 1/16d.
6 months' sight docts	4 1/16d.
New York—demand, $100=	U.S.$6 1/16
4 months' sight credits	U.S.$6 1/16
4 months' sight docts	U.S.$6 1/16

INTERBANK CLOSING SELLING RATES

Sterling	4 1/16d.	U.S.	$6 1/4
Hongkong/London			1/2 3/32

NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY

Netherlands Guilders	Buying	12 1/4	
Java Guilders	"	12 1/8	
Netherlands Guilders	Selling	11 3/4	
Java Guilders	"	11 5/8	

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Buying	U.S.$100=$1,568.627	£1=	$7.313
Selling	U.S.$100=$1,600.00	£1=	$6.625

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Belgas	0.36 1/2=$1	Belgas	21.65=	£1

ITALIAN BANK FOR CHINA

It. Lire 1.23=$1		Swiss Frs. 0.28=$1	
Tourist Lire 1.47			$1

HUA HSING COMMERCIAL BANK

Sterling Selling Rate @ 6d	per	H.H.$	1	
" Buying " @ 6 1/32	"	H.H.$	1	
U.S.$ Selling " @ 9 1/16	"	H.H.$	100	
" Buying " @ 9 1/16	"	H.H.$	100	
Local $ (Fapi) selling @ 144	per	H.H.$	100	
buying @ 149	"	H.H.$	100	

CUSTOMS OFFICIAL RATES

Gold Unit 1.00—Hua Hsing	$2.708
Gold Unit 1.00—Local Dollar	$4.035

Local Exchange Report

Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson

INTER BANK CASH DELIVERY

£	Highest	4 1/16	Lowest	4 1/16
U.S. G.$		6 1/16		6 1/4
Yen		—		—

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

	SELLING		BUYING
Cash		March	
£ T.T.	4 3/32	4 m/s. l.c.	4 1/16
G.$ T.T.	6 1/16	4 m/s. l.c.	6 1/8
Fcs. T.T.	299	4 m/s.	314
Rs. T.T.	22 5/8	15 d/s.	23 1/4

BAR SILVER

	READY	FOR'D
London pence per std. oz.	20 1/4	20 1/16
N.Y. cents per oz. troy	34 3/4	—
Bombay Rs. per 100 tolas	57.05	—
Bombay offtake 25 bars.		

NEW YORK/LONDON CASH RATES

New York closing Rate for Cash	3.68 3/8
Local sellers U.S.$ for Cash	3.63 5/8
Local buyers U.S.$ for Cash	3.65 1/2

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants at 4 3/32 sterling and 6 1/4 U.S.$.

The Interbank market opened rather uncertain owing to disturbing rumours but eventually settled down with sellers for cash at 4 1/16 sterling and 6 5/8 U.S.$. Pressure of speculative buying forward and tighter money brought about an increasing disparity between cash and forward rates eventually closing with best sellers at:—

4 1/16 sterling	6 1/4 U.S.$		Cash
4 1/32 "	6 3/32 "		Mar.
3 31/32 "	5 7/8 "		Apr.

Foreign Exchanges

Closing Mar 25.

New York U.S.$ T. T. on:

Berlin	40.20	Montreal	81.000
Spain	9.95	Brazil	5.10
Holland	53.11	Japan	23.48
Paris	2.09	Shanghai	6.45
Brussels	17.03 1/2	Hungary	17.70
Italy	5.05	Rumania	0.53 N
S'zerland	23.42 1/2	Yugo Slavia	2.32 N
Sweden	23.84	Greece	0.70 1/2N
Norway	22.73	Finland	1.65
Denmark	19.32		

Bombay and London Closed.

London	3.68 3/8
" Demand	3.68 3/8
Buenos Aires Paper	Unq.
" " " market rate	23.48
Montreal on London	4.56

N—Nominal.—Reuter.

Foreign Money Rates

New York:	Mar. 25.
Bankers' Acceptances for 1, 2 and 3 months	0 1/8%B 0 1/8%A
Bankers' Acceptances for 4 months	0 1/8%B 0 1/8%A
Call Money	1%

London Closed.
B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

Mar. 26.	Bid Prices a.m. Closing		p.m. Closing	
Atoks	.16		.16	
Antamok	.12	S	.12	S
Baguio Gold	.215	S	.21	S
Batong Buhay	.010		.010	
Benguet Consolidated	5.55	S *	—	
Big Wedge	Unq.		.19	
Coco Grove	.11		.11	
Consolidated Mines	.003	S	.0035	S
Demonstration	.105		.105	S
East Mindanao	.0975	S	.0975	S
I. X. L.	.35		.35	
Ipo Gold	.10		.10	
Itogon	.205	S	.205	S
Mabate Consolidated	.08		.0825	S
Mine Operations	.0925	S	.0925	S
Paracale Gumaus	.18		.18	
San Mauricio	.74	S	.74	S
Surigao Consolidated	.18		.18	S
Suyoc	.125	S	.125	S
Syndicate Investment	.020	S	.020	S
United Paracale	.245	S	.245	S
Mindanao Motherlode	.095	S	.0925	S

*—Over counter.
S—Sales.

Turnover for the Morning: 63,000 Pesos.

Shares Index: (Morning Session) 69.07.—Reuter.

February Rubber Output

	lb.
Permata Rubber Estate Ltd.	6,768

Silver Quotations

London, Mar. 26.

London silver prices declined sharply today, with quotations being fixed at:—

	Mar. 21	Mar. 26
London spot	20 11/16d.	20 1/16d.
" forward	20 11/16d.	20 1/16d.
" gold	168/—	168/—

—Reuter.

Cross Rates

London/New York U.S.$	4.0350	59.478d.
New York/London	3.68 3/8	65.15d.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

Shanghai Securities featured the market during yesterday's trading and over 100,000 shares changed hands at prices varying between 6.65 and 7.00. At the close there were buyers at 6.70 with sellers at 6.80. The entire market opened firm and very active trading was experienced throughout the day. Profit-taking reduced early gains, the market closing very steady with good buyers at the lower rates.

Rubbers were quiet and steady.

Official Averages

1940 High	Low		Today's Average	Change
337.85	105.32	General	317.70	+ 3.05
475.35	95.55	Rubbers	413.40	+10.05

Total 447,680 shares, 125 bonds.

Business Done

Power 5 1/2% Debs.				10000	87.75
†2000	87.75				
I. I. Trust		500	*25.50	1000	25.50
500	26.00	1000	26.25	3500	26.00
2000	*26.00	2000	25.75	1500	*26.00
500	*25.50	1000	25.75	7000	25.50
†2500	25.25	500	*25.25		
Yangtsze Finance		500	16.30	1000	*16.60
1500	16.50	1000	16.40	500	*16.50
500	16.60	3500	16.50	1000	16.40
500	16.30	500	*16.30	1000	16.40
1000	16.30				
†4000	16.30	500	16.20		
S'hai Loan		500	28.00	2000	27.75
500	27.50	500	27.75	3500	27.25
1000	*27.25				
†500	27.25	1500	27.00	500	*26.75
500	27.00				
S'hai Securities		11500	6.75	4000	6.70
2000	6.65	2000	6.70	4000	6.75
1000	*6.75	500	*6.70	2000	6.70
3500	6.75	500	6.85	1000	7.00
8500	6.80	1500	*6.80	3000	6.85
7500	6.80	1000	*6.80	2500	6.75
9500	6.80	2000	*6.80	500	6.85
1000	6.80	1000	*6.80	5000	6.85
500	6.90	2500	6.85	500	*6.85
5000	6.80	500	*6.80	2400	*6.75
2000	6.90	500	6.75	1000	6.80
4000	6.75				
†1500	6.70	1500	*6.75	500	6.80
500	6.85	2000	6.80	500	*6.75
5500	6.75	1000	*6.70	500	6.75
Central Prop				100	17.80
†100	17.80				
China Realty		1000	7.80	500	7.80
1000	7.90	500	7.85	2000	7.80
500	7.75	500	*7.70	500	7.70
2000	7.65	1000	7.70		
†2000	7.75	1000	*7.70	1000	7.75
2500	7.80	1000	7.75	1500	*7.80
3500	7.80				
S'hai Land		1500	15.10	1500	*15.20
500	15.20				
†1000	*15.20	1000	15.20	2000	15.30
500	15.20				
Dockyards		3000	38.50	900	38.25
1400	38.50	200	*38.50	200	*38.25
3600	38.50	2000	38.25	100	*38.50
400	*38.75	100	38.75	2100	38.50
100	*38.50	500	*38.75	1100	38.75
300	*38.50	2900	38.50	500	*38.75
500	38.75	1700	38.50	100	*38.50
†100	*38.75	1600	38.50	100	*38.50
100	*38.25	400	38.25	100	*38.50
1600	38.25	700	*38.00	700	38.25
Wheelock		200	135.00	500	136.00
100	*136.00	100	135.50	400	135.00
†300	135.00	1000	*135.00		
C. G. Omnibus		500	29.50	100	29.25
200	29.50				
†100	29.25				
S'hai Gas				†300	20.75
Telephone		100	*30.50	1000	30.75
200	*30.75				
†500	30.75				
Tram (Bearer)	£1			100	55.50
200	56.00	400	*56.50	300	57.00
400	*57.00	100	*57.50	600	57.50
†300	57.50	100	57.00		
S. W. W. "A"	£20		X.D.	10	*1,058.00
†20	1,058.00				
Metal		100	*30.25	900	30.25
900	30.75	300	*30.75	1100	30.50
1500	*30.25	1000	30.25	400	30.00
900	*30.00	100	*29.75	1400	29.75
1000	29.50	100	*29.50	1200	29.75
400	*29.50				
†300	29.50	200	*29.75	600	*29.50
1000	29.50	500	29.25		
Kaiping				100	60.00
†400	61.00				
Lumber		100	53.00	100	*53.00
200	53.50	300	*53.50	300	53.00
†200	53.00				
Exploration		3000	14.10	3000	14.20
2000	14.30	2000	14.20	500	*14.20
17000	14.30	500	14.40	2500	*14.30
2500	14.50	1500	14.40	1500	*14.50
3000	14.50	500	14.60	1000	*14.60
1500	14.80	3000	14.90	1500	*15.00
1500	15.00	3000	14.80	3000	14.70
500	*14.70	2000	14.80	500	*14.80
2500	14.70				
†1000	*14.80	1500	14.90	500	*14.80
1000	14.80	1000	*14.70	500	*14.80
2000	14.80	1500	14.70	1000	14.80
3000	14.70	500	*14.80	1000	*14.70
2000	14.70	6000	14.80		
Ewo Mills (Ord)		100	44.00	400	44.25
1400	44.50	400	*44.50	100	45.00
1100	*45.00	5200	44.75	200	*44.50
1300	44.50	500	*44.75	1500	44.50
200	44.25	100	*44.25	900	44.50
100	*44.50	1900	44.25	100	*44.25
800	44.00	300	*44.00	100	*44.25
100	*44.50	1000	44.50	800	*44.25
600	44.25	3300	44.50	2500	44.75
1300	44.50	200	*44.50	300	*44.75
†100	*44.50	2800	44.50	300	*44.25
300	44.25	1700	44.50	100	*44.25
500	44.50	200	*44.50	100	*44.75
				160	136.25
Power (Pref)				25	136.25
†40	136.25	100	136.00	†2000	1.88
China Finance					
Anglo Dutch		1000	27.75	400	28.50
100	*28.50	100	29.00	600	28.50
†100	28.50				
Anglo Java		400	*49.00	300	49.25
100	49.50	100	*49.50	600	49.25
300	49.00	100	49.25		
†400	*49.50	100	49.50		
Batu Anam				3000	2.30
Bute				500	12.00
†500	12.00	500	11.90		
Chemor		1000	4.40	2000	4.45
2000	4.40				
Cheng		3000	*1.22	4000	1.22
†3000	1.20				
Java Consolidated				4000	6.40
†1000	6.45				
Kroewoek		1000	*4.15	2000	4.05
†2000	4.05	2000	4.00	1000	3.95
1000	4.00				
Langkat		700	34.50	300	*34.75
700	34.75	2300	34.50	100	*34.50
100	34.00	1600	34.50		
†200	34.50	100	34.75	100	34.50
1200	34.75	1700	35.00	100	*35.25
700	35.25				
Padang				†3000	4.05
Repah		5000	2.15	1000	2.17 1/2
†1000	*2.15	1000	2.15		
Rubber Trust				1000	13.10
†500	13.20	500	13.30	1000	13.40
500	*13.40				
Samagaga				2000	2.90
†1000	2.90				
Semambu				1000	2.25
†1000	2.22 1/2	2000	2.20	1000	*2.20
Senawang				2000	2.90
†3000	2.90				
Kedah				†500	15.40
Kelantan		4000	1.36	5000	1.34
1000	*1.34				
†1000	1.36				
Tanah Merah				†1000	*5.00
Tebong		1000	*2.32 1/2	4000	2.32 1/2
1000	*2.30	1000	2.30	1000	2.32 1/2
4000	2.30				
†2000	2.25				
Ziangbe		100	*38.50	100	38.50
†100	38.00	700	38.25		
Union Ins.			15	‡Hk.	$512.50
Caldbeck Macg. (Ord)				1000	*24.50
Culty Dairy				5000	*40.00
Caldbeck Macgregor				100	*25.00
Union Brewery				†1000	10.20
S. W. W. "C"				†100	48.00

ODD LOTS

Securities		50	6.70	200	6.65
450	6.80	450	6.75	400	6.80
450	6.80	200	6.75	400	6.80
50	6.90	450	6.80	350	6.80
350	6.80	300	6.80	300	6.75
300	*6.70	300	*6.70	450	*6.70
100	6.85	400	*6.80	200	6.80
350	*6.80	400	6.75	100	6.80
300	*6.70	200	*6.70		
Bute				150	11.90
S'hai Land		200	15.30	100	15.40
100	15.10				
Ewo Mills (Ord)				50	45.30
China Realty		150	7.80	12	7.60
150	7.80				
Millington				995	8.00
S'hai Gas				45	20.50
Exploration		120	14.10	120	14.00
100	14.30	200	14.60		
Telephone		50	30.50	70	30.50
Power 5 1/2%				500	88.00

*—Direct Business.
†—Afternoon Business.
‡—Outport Business.

Japanese Govt. Bonds

Osaka, Mar. 26.

Kogo 5%	Y.106.10

—Reuter.

New York Stocks

Monday's Closing Quotations

New York, Mar. 25.

Stock prices on Wall Street today finished quiet, with moves of fractions either way being recorded. Trading was very dull and uninteresting, with the market generally lacking leadership. Air transports, however, were well supported.

News was mixed and colourless, with the market a typical holiday affair.

The turnover today amounted to 590,000 shares.—Reuter.

Dow-Jones Averages

30 Indust.	146.96	146.15	146.25	—0.48
20 Rails	30.16	29.96	30.04	—0.06
15 Utilit.	24.25	24.06	24.09	—0.15
40 Bonds	—	—	88.83	+0.20
11 Commod.	—	—	59.82	—

	Mar. 23	25		Mar. 23	25
Adams Exp	*7 1/2	7 1/2	Kennecott	35 1/2	35
Alg Lud	*21 1/2	21 1/2	Lak F & M	*4	*4
Allid Stores	7 1/2	8	Libbey O F	50 1/2	50
Allis Chal	38 1/2	39 1/2	Lockheed	31 1/2	30 1/2
Alum Ld	*104	109	Loew's	36	35 1/2
Amer Can	114 1/4	114 1/2	Loft Inc	33	34 1/2
Am Cyan B	38 1/2	38 1/4	Mack Trks	*25	25 1/2
Am For Pr	*1 1/8	1 1/8	Martin	43	42 1/2
" $7 pfd	22	21 1/2	McK & R	*27	*28
Am G & E	34 1/8	34 1/2	Monsanto	111	111 1/2
Am Loco	*20	20 1/2	Mont Ward	53 1/2	53 1/2
Am Metal	24 1/2	24	Nat City B	*28 1/2	28 1/2
Am Radtr	8 1/8	8 1/2	Nat Avian	14 1/2	14 1/8
Am R Mill	14 1/2	14 1/4	Nat Dairy	17 1/8	17 1/8
Am Smltg	49 1/8	49	Nat Dist	25 1/2	25 1/8
Am Sug R	*19 1/4	19 1/2	Nat Gyp	10 1/2	10 1/2
Am T & T	171 1/2	172	Nat Lead	21 1/2	21 1/2
Am Tob B	89 1/2	88 1/2	Nat P & L	7 1/8	7 1/2
Am Wtwrks	9 1/2	9 1/8	Nat Steel	65 1/2	66
Anaconda	28 1/2	28 1/8	Nat Supply	8 1/8	8 1/2
Atchison	21 1/2	21 1/2	N Y Cent	15 1/2	15 1/2
Auburn	1 1/2	1 1/2	Nia Hud	5	5 1/8
Bald Loco	14 1/2	14 1/2	N A Avian	24 1/2	24 1/8
Balt & Ohio	4 1/2	4 1/8	N A Co	21	20 1/8
Barber	*14 1/2	14 1/8	N Pac	7 1/8	7 1/8
Barn Oil	10 1/4	10 1/2	O I Glass	62 1/2	*62
Bend Avian	34	34	Pac G & E	33 1/4	34
Beth Steel	74 1/2	74 1/4	Pac Light	47 1/2	47
Bliss	14 1/2	14 1/8	Packard	3 1/8	3 1/8
Boeing	22	21 1/8	Pan Am Air	21 1/2	22 1/8
Borg War	22 1/2	22	Paramount	7 1/8	7 1/2
Brid Brass	10 1/2	11 1/2	Penn R R	21 1/2	22
Briggs	20 1/8	21 1/2	Phelps D	23 1/2	35 1/4
Bkn M Tr	22	22	Phil & R Coal	0 1/2	*0 1/2
" $6 pfd	*90 1/4	91	Phil Pet	38 1/2	38 1/2
Budd Mfg	5 1/4	5 1/2	Pitt C & I	*7 1/2	*7 1/2
Can Pac	5 1/8	5 1/8	Pub Serv.	42	42
Case J I	*67 1/2	*67	Pullman	25 1/2	25 1/8
Celanese	30	29 1/8	Pure Oil	8 1/2	9
Chase N B	*33 1/8	33 1/2	Radio	6 1/2	6
Chesapeake	39 1/8	39 1/2	Reading	*15	15 1/2
Chrysler	85 1/2	85	" 1st pfd	*25	26
Clim Mlyb	39	39 1/2	Rem Arms	*3 1/2	*4
Colt's	76 1/2	76	Rep Avian	5 1/2	5 1/8
Col G & E	5 1/2	5 1/4	Rep Steel	20	19 1/2
" A pfd	*85 1/2	*85 1/2	Rev C & B	12	12 1/8
Com Credit	45 1/2	45 1/2	Rey Tob B	41 1/2	41 1/8
Com & Sth	1	1	Rich Oil	7	7
Cons Edis	30 1/2	31	Safeway	50 1/2	50 1/2
Cons Oil	7 1/2	7 1/8	Schenley	13	13 1/2
Cont Can	47	46 1/2	Sears Roeb	86	86 1/2
Cont Oil	22 1/2	22 1/2	Shell U Oil	10 1/2	11
Copld St	16 1/2	16 1/2	Soc Vac	11 1/2	11 1/2
Corn Prod	59 1/2	59 1/2	Sthrn Pac	12 1/2	12
Curtiss Wr	10 1/2	10 1/8	Sthrn Rly	25 1/2	25 1/2
" A	29	28 1/2	Sperry Cpn	42 1/2	42 1/2
Deere & Co	21 1/2	22	Spicer Mfg	34 1/2	34
Dist Cpn S	19 1/2	19	Std Brands	6 1/8	6 1/8
Douglas	82 1/2	82 1/2	Std G & E	1 1/8	*1 1/8
Du Pont	186 1/2	185 1/8	Std Oil	22 1/2	22 1/2
E P Lead	11 1/2	11 1/2	Std Oil N J	43 1/2	43 1/2
Eaton Mfg.	*32 1/2	33	Stone & W	9 1/8	9 1/8
Elec A Lite	38 1/2	37 1/2	Studebaker	11	10 1/8
Elec B & S	5 1/8	5 1/8	Swift Int	29 1/2	29 1/2
" $5 pfd	59 1/2	*59	Technicor	15 1/2	15 1/2
" $6 pfd	68 1/2	68 1/2	Tex Corp	45 1/8	45 1/2
Elec P & L	*28	*27 1/2	Tex Gulf	33 1/8	34
Fisk Rub	15 1/2	14 1/2	Timken	23	22 1/2
Flintkote	19 1/2	19 1/2	Transamer	6	5 1/8
Gen Am Tr	52 1/2	51 1/2	Tw Cent F	11 1/8	11 1/2
Gen Elec	38 1/2	38 1/2	" pfd	*22 1/2	22 1/2
Gen Motor	54	53 1/8	Un Carbide	83	82 1/2
Gen Rly	*16 1/2	*16 1/2	Un Pacific	95 1/2	95 1/2
Gen T & R	20	*19 1/2	Un Aircraft	47 1/2	47 1/2
Glidden	*16 1/2	17	Un A Line	20	20 1/8
Goodrich	18 1/8	18 1/2	Un Corp	2	2
" $5 pfd	*64 1/2	*64 1/2	" $3 pfd	39	39
Goodyear	22	22	Un Gas	1 1/8	1 1/8
Gt N I Ore	13	13	Un Gas Imp	13 1/8	13 1/8
Gt N Rly	24	23 1/8	U S Ind Al	*21 1/8	22 1/2
Gt W Sug	*27 1/2	27	U S Rub	33 1/4	33 1/2
Greyhound	16 1/8	16	" 8% pfd	*114 1/2	114 1/2
Her Pow	95	95	U S Steel	55 1/2	55
Homestake	54	54	Vanadium	*33 1/2	32 1/2
Int Harv	56	55 1/2	Vultee Air	*9 1/2	9 1/8
Int Nickel	35	34 1/2	Walworth	5 1/2	5 1/8
Int T & T	4	*3 1/8	War Br Pic	3 1/8	3 1/8
Johns Man	*69 1/2	69	West Elec	111 1/2	111 1/2
Jones & L	*57	*56	Woodward	24 1/2	24 1/2

BONDS

Amer. & For. Power	62 1/4	62 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio R.R.	25 1/2	25 3/8
Brazil (U.S. of) 8% 1941	21 7/8	21 3/4
" " 6 1/2% 1957	*16 1/2	16 1/2
Cities Serv. Pwr. & Lt.	85 1/4	85 1/4
Erie R.R. 6s 1967	15 1/8	16 1/8
Int. Tel. & Tel.	45 1/8	45 1/8
New England Gas & Elec.	66 1/8	66 1/8
Republic of Colombia	32 1/8	32 3/4
" " " (1928) 6s '61	*33 1/4	33 1/8
Sthrn. Pacific Co.	44 1/2	44 1/8
Stand. Gas & Elec.	65	64 1/4

Dow-Jones Summary

By Courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

Stock prices moved irregularly within a narrow range.

Stocks: Drifted meaninglessly in the absence of influencing news.

EARNINGS

Stock	Period	1939	1938
Anaconda Copper	Yr. 31/12	$2.33	$1.10
Columbia Gas & Elec.	Yr. 31/12	0.46	0.31

STATISTICS

	Week Comm. 25/3	18/3
Steel Mill Activity (Amer. Iron & Steel Inst.'s)	60.7 (per cent of capacity)	62.4

Cotton: Reports of British curtailment of buying of American cotton to conserve exchange, foreign liquidation and the uncertainty over the subsidy question were curtailing factors. World mill consumption of American cotton for six months was placed at 6,507,000 bales. Forwardings to mills during the past week totalled 181,000 bales. Five brokers' opinions were received and all were bullish.

Wheat: The market was more responsive to crop and foreign news. Broadening participation absorbed profit taking well. Loan hedging is diminishing. Low temperatures and no precipitation are reported The visible decrease is placed at 1,269,000 bushels.

Corn: Conditions in the market were featureless. The visible decrease is estimated at 142,000 bushels.

Rubber: The substantial increase in stocks and the absence of impairment to shipping were nullifying incentives.

Hides: Quiet. Tanner and shoe news is not yet conductive to active trading.

Silk: It is believed that further selling awaits any resumption of market activity.

Sugar No. 4 Ruled quiet but steady.

By Courtesy of S. E. Levy & Co.

Puzzling and indecisive as the market has been, nothing supports the thesis of a forthcoming wholesale liquidation. Odd lot traders have sold, on balance, 800,000 shares partly during forty sessions and with short interest up in March, these factors, according to precedent, do not signal a market slump. Large amounts of British commandeered securities are being sold privately.

However, there is no disposition to press at concessions, which does not impair consumer buying power.

Automobile and farm equipments are favoured, while automobile inventories are placed at 500,000 cars, a high, but this reflects confidence in tremendous Spring selling.

The early placing of $1,000,000,000 worth of Allied aircraft orders are anticipated.

First quarter earnings are expected to be highly satisfactory, with automobile profits dazzling and oil profits recovering.

Earnings showings could offset possible business impairment.

Britain's Overseas Commerce

First Effects of War; Trade Under Licence Excess of Imports over Exports Rises

DURING the first four months of 1939 oversea trade continued to shrink in value, a movement which had persisted throughout the previous year, and although there was a recovery between May and August (the last month before the war put an end to normal commerce) it had already become clear that the lack of confidence arising from the political tension in Europe was so widespread as to be an effective obstacle to business expansion, states "The Times."

In the first half of the year the value of imports declined by £22,000,000, or nearly 5 per cent., and re-exports by nearly £5,000,000, or 15 per cent. Exports of United Kingdom goods rose in value by £3,000,000, or 1.3 per cent.; the increase in these exports was largely accounted for by warships, aircraft, and other items associated with military requirements abroad. On the other hand, the value of the shipments of cotton yarns and manufactures shrank from £25.9 million to £24.6 million, the lowest figure recorded for any comparable half-year during the present century. Other textile trades maintained their position better than cotton. The coal industry increased its exports appreciably in the first half of the year, chiefly owing to larger shipments to Italy, the Baltic countries and Germany. The Scandinavian countries also took large quantities of iron and steel, Denmark being the principal country concerned in these increased exports.

Imports

The more notable features of the import list during the half-year were the larger consignments of some foodstuffs, particularly wheat, although values were much lower. The import of eggs from the Netherlands expanded remarkably, and the quantity of manufactured tobacco retained for home consumption exceeded the previous year's record figure. In regard to raw materials imports of most of the principal commodities were in the first quarter of the year less than a year earlier, but this tendency was reversed in the second quarter.

Smaller Empire Share

The approximate value of the exports to British countries during the period January-June was £113,900,000, against £117,200,000 in the corresponding period of 1938, but exports to foreign countries rose from £116,000,000 to £122,400,000. The chief reason why the proportion of our exports taken by British countries was appreciably lower than in the first half of 1938 was the marked decline in shipments to Australia, South Africa, and Canada. South Africa, however, remained the best market for British goods. The outstanding feature of the continental distribution of the export trade was the rise in the share taken by the United States and Central America, trade with the former undoubtedly benefiting from the Anglo-American Agreement of the previous autumn. The increase in the proportion consigned to Argentina was larger than that for South America as a whole. Other continental areas showed little change, that for Europe being relatively unimportant; the large increase for Denmark was offset by declines for France, Germany, and Spain. With regard to the re-export trade, which consists largely of the redistribution of Empire produce to foreign countries, the chief feature was the decline in shipments of non-ferrous metals to Russia, a business which had shown great expansion in the previous two years.

Licences

In July and August the value of both imports and exports was at a higher level than in the same months of the preceding year, but there was little of an encouraging nature in the returns, for with two exceptions the figures of the last pre-war month, August, showed the lowest monthly total for exported manufactured articles since August,

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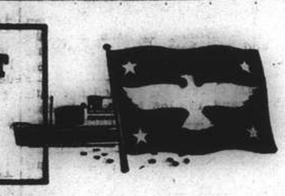

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	Arrival	Departure
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ss. TSINGTAO MARU	Apr. 1	Apr. 2 at 11 a.m.
ss. DAIREN MARU	Apr. 4	Apr. 5 at 11 a.m.
ss. TSINGTAO MARU	Apr. 8	Apr. 9 at 11 a.m.
ss. DAIREN MARU	Apr. 11	Apr. 12 at 11 a.m.
ss. TSINGTAO MARU	Apr. 15	Apr. 16 at 11 a.m.

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	Arrival	Departure
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NAGASAKI MARU	Mar. 29	Mar. 30 at a.m.

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VESSELS ARRIVING TO-DAY

The following particulars in connection with vessels due to arrive to-day are based upon information available yesterday evening.

From NAGASAKI: Shanghai Maru with mail, due at 9 a.m. Wayside Wharf.

DUE AT FUTURE DATES

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

On account of the present international situation there is considerable interference with movements of ships, especially those from Europe. In cases where it is definitely known that the vessel is not running to schedule the Shanghai arrival date is omitted.

EUROPE AND STRAITS

From GENOA

India	29/2	6/5

From TRIESTE

Monte Piana	29/1	28/3
Conte Verde	8/3	4/4
Volpi	27/2	17/4
Carignano	25/2	22/4

From SINGAPORE

Conte Verde	27/3	4/4

From SOURABAYA

Tjisadane	15/3	2/4
Tjinegara	22/3	6/4

From BATAVIA

Tjinegara	26/3	8/4

From MANILA

Laura Maersk	24/3	30/3
Pres. Taft	25/3	1/4
Tjisadane	25/3	2/4

From HONGKONG
See "China Ports" below

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From NEW YORK

P. Maersk	9/2	3/4
Reinholt	27/1	3/4
G'trude Maersk	26/2	14/4
Dona Aniceta	—	15/4
Memphis City	—	20/4
Grete Maersk	11/3	26/4
Hulda Maersk	22/3	6/5

From SAVANNAH

Hulda Maersk	26/3	6/5

From PANAMA

Grete Maersk	22/3	26/4

From LOS ANGELES

Asama M.	11/3	7/4
G'trude Maersk	19/3	14/4
Tatuta M.	25/3	21/4

From SAN FRANCISCO

Tatuta M.	27/3	21/4

From SEATTLE

West Cuseta	18/3	9/4

From HONOLULU

Asama Maru	20/3	7/4

From YOKOHAMA

Peter Maersk	26/3	3/4

From NAGASAKI

Shanghai M.	26/3	27/3

AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA

From CAPETOWN

Tegelberg	13/3	20/4

From MAURITIUS

Tegelberg	23/3	20/4

CHINA PORTS

From DAIREN

Dairen M.	26/3	28/3

From HONGKONG

Laura Maersk	27/3	30/3

VESSELS SAILING

The undermentioned vessels are due to sail from Shanghai upon the dates indicated.

For LONDON

Delagoa Maru	4/4
Tatuno Maru	27/4

For LIVERPOOL

Haruna Maru	15/4

For GENOA

Abbekerk	3/4

For TRIESTE

Monte Piana	29/3
C. Verde	7/4

For COLOMBO

Tokiwa Maru	6/4

For BOMBAY

Zinsan Maru	27/3
Ginyo Maru	30/3

For CAPETOWN

Tegelberg	22/4

For JAVA

Tjisadane	4/4
Tjinegara	11/4

For HONGKONG

Tatuta Maru	22/4

For MANILA

P. Maersk	5/4
Gertrude Maersk	15/4
Nitta Maru	1/5

For NEW YORK

Tosan Maru	27/3
Laura Maersk	1/4
Azuma Maru	6/4
Reinholt	6/4
Akagi Maru	12/4
N. Maersk	16/4
Dona Aniceta	19/4
Peter Maersk	2/5

For SAN FRANCISCO

Pres. Taft	2/4
Asama Maru	8/4
Tatuta Maru	28/4

For SEATTLE

Capillo	28/3
West Cuseta	13/4

For KOBE

Kasima Maru	27/3

For NAGASAKI

Shanghai Maru	28/3

For DAIREN

Dairen Maru	29/3
Tsingtao Maru	2/4
Dairen Maru	5/4
Tsingtao Maru	9/4
Dairen Maru	12/4
Hoten Maru	12/4
Tsingtao Maru	16/4

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Syozan M.	Japan	Showa S.S.
Lipari	T'lungkong	C.F.P.K.
Com. Paolini	Ningpo	I.C.R.N.
Yuenkiang M.	T'lungkong	T.K.K.
Konsan M.	Tientsin	D.K.K.
Kiangnan	T'lungkong	Chu Foong
Ondo M.	River Ports	T.K.K.
Hukuken M.	Keelung	T.K.K.
Chingning M.	Tsungming	T.K.K.
Magdala	Tarakan	A.P.C.
Taiko M. 18	Hsinkong	T.K.K.
Hungyun M.	T'lungkong	Chu Foong
Tottori M.	Japan	N.Y.K.
Tawha	T'lungkong	Quen Kee
Yekishin M.	Dairen	D.K.K.

Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
Hengshan M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Hakusan M.	Jap.	N.Y.K.
Chekiang M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Tsingtao M.	Jap.	D.K.K.

Men-of-War in Port

Name	Flag	Type	Berthed
Guam	Am.	Gbt.	Upper Sec.
Luzon	Am.	Gbt.	U.S.N.B.
D. de Lagree	Fr.	Gbt.	K.S.D.
Fran. Garnier	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
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For Bombay
ATLAS MARU ..... Apr. 11
For Calcutta
SYUNKO MARU ..... Apr. 12

Nagasaki Sailings
For Manila, Cebu and Davao
TAKAO MARU ..... Apr. 1
Keelung Sailings
For Haiphong, Saigon and Bangkok
BANGKOK MARU .... Apr. 3
SAIGON MARU ..... Apr. 15
Kobe Sailings
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Children's Day to Be Observed

Free Entertainments for Poor Being Organized In Shanghai

Elaborate preparations for the celebration of the ninth Children's Day on April 4 in Shanghai are being made by fifteen social, educational and welfare organizations under the auspices of the Shanghai Office of the National Child Welfare Association of China.

Children's Day was promulgated by the Chinese Government in 1931 upon the recommendation of the National Child Welfare Association of China. The purpose is to arouse public interest toward the sentiment of child welfare enterprises, to realize the importance of the position of children and to respect the rights due to children. On the other hand, it is to stimulate the interest of children, to develop their love for humanity and to lead children themselves to a clear recognition of their own position and prospects.

Annually, Children's Day has been celebrated with satisfying results in all the large cities in China, particularly in Shanghai which was the birthplace of the national festival. On the Children's Day last year in Shanghai, 9,721 children from 63 schools, five institutions and fourteen refugee camps enjoyed an outing at the Jessfield Park, while 8,800 children from local institutions and refugee camps were entertained to free movies at ten local theatres. On the same day, 6,004 children were also given medical aid by 45 local hospitals. Some Chinese leading papers published special articles dealing with child problems, and 30,000 attractive pins bearing the inscription "Children Help Children" were made and distributed.

Similar This Year

For this year's Children's Day, the programme which has been drawn up by a preparatory committee is similar to that of last year. It will include free clinics by hospitals, free movie shows by theatres, free admission to public parks and recreational meeting to be held separately in schools, institutions and refugee camps.

The organizations which are now co-operating with the Shanghai Office of the National Child Welfare Association to make preparations for celebration of the Children's Day this year, include the Child Protection Section of the Shanghai Municipal Council, the Shanghai Child Protection Society, the Educational Society for Street Children of Shanghai, the Free School for Poor Children of Shanghai, the Shanghai Parent Educational Association, the Association for the Relief of Women and Children, the Shanghai International Relief Committee, the Shanghai Refugee Relief Association, the Shanghai Emergency Relief Association, the Federation of Shanghai Charity Organizations, the Chinese Medical Association, the Shanghai Y.M.C.A. and Shanghai Y.W.C.A.

Bucket of Water Thrown on Crowd

Briton Bound Over in H.M. Police Court

For throwing a bucket of water over four Chinese, including a constable of the Shanghai Municipal Police, during the investigation of a traffic accident on Kiangse Road on March 9, Major P. H. Keys, well-known local businessman, was bound over for six months yesterday by Mr. C. H. Haines, H. M. Registrar.

Brought by the Shanghai Municipal Police, the charge against Major Keys was that he at about 2.35 p.m. on March 9, outside No. 270 Kiangse Road, did commit a nuisance by throwing water from a bucket on the persons of three members of the general public—Tai Siao-dee, Lui Tse-chun, Dih Yen-yee—and Chinese police constable 3386, who were standing on the public thoroughfare, contrary to Bye-Law 36, annexed to the Land Regulations for the Foreign Settlement, North of Yangkingpang.

Major Keys pleaded guilty. Outlining the case for the police, Inspector Collison stated that on the day in question C.P.C. 3386 came to the police station with the three male Chinese and Major Keys. He reported that, ten minutes earlier, he had been taking notes at the scene of a traffic accident and, as usual, a large crowd had gathered.

Without any warning, the constable had stated, Major Keys came from behind and threw a bucket of water over them. One of the Chinese, who had received most of the contents of the bucket, had been passing by at the time of the throwing, the constable had explained.

In Court, Major Keys stated that he was walking to keep an appointment at 264 Kiangse Road when he saw the bucket and the crowd. "I thought it will disperse this crowd and, unthinkingly, I threw the water over the crowd," he continued. "I would like to apologize for having done that and I would like to make good any damage which I may have caused."

In binding defendant over for a period of six months to keep the peace and be of good behaviour, Mr. Haines pointed out that under the bye-law the penalty for such an act was a fine not exceeding $100 or, in default, one month's imprisonment. It seemed obvious that defendant had realized how foolish he had been and, as it was his first offence, he would be bound over on his own recognizance of $250.

Master Traces Theft To Gardener

Tracked down by his own master, a gardener named Tsang Zung-ling was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment yesterday by the First Special District Court charged with larceny, but the sentence was suspended. He was arrested during the Easter holidays by the Bubbling Well police after his master, Mr. Percy Kwok, well-known businessman and sportsman, had done a little detective work himself.

It was revealed in court that Tsang climbed over the wall of the garden of Mr. Kwok's house at 19 Lucerne Road on March 19 and went into the drawing room through an open window. He stole a silver Buddha, a silver vase and other personal belongings and buried them in the garden. He told the court yesterday that he intended to take these home the next day, but he was highly suspected by his master who discovered the crime and informed the police. The stolen articles, worth about $800, were returned to their owner by the court.

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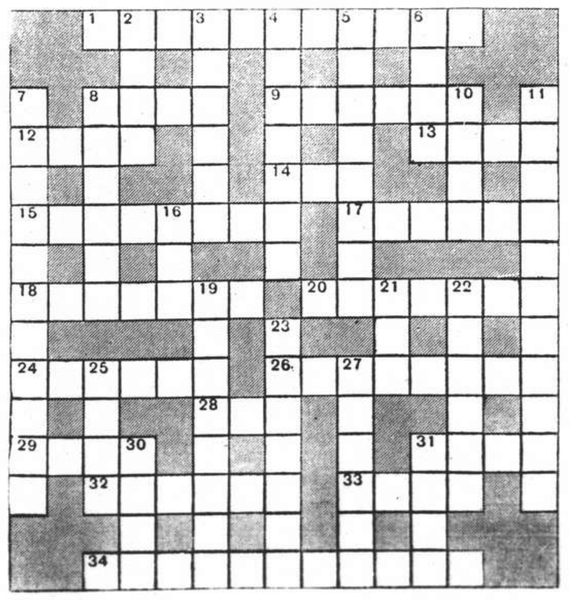

ACROSS

1 Will the black-out tend to contribute to this disorder?
6 Holiday makers almost fall over themselves to take it
9 Nudists can't have it—so how can they improve?
12 Fish turned fruit
13 Add metal and blow on to this to get a bird
14 A familiar line
15 The war bears this label—so far
17 Neutrals have to do so to belligerents sometimes
18 One of the channels of current strength
20 In the retreat one vehicle at least was turned round
24 He might become very attached to a hunter
25 Take the bits of fun, and give the lie to the rest, but there's no faith
26 The goal of a sailor seeking for port, maybe
27 The boss is no under this
28 A contributor to experience
29 This bird decapitated appears to stir
30 As the tyrant rowed up to him
34 The shape of things to go!

DOWN

2 Not a belligerent country
3 Nice word for A.A. batteries—the dictionary says "to aim at high things"
4 Hush! Ought one to mention an enemy town?
5 A blacksmith this would be a bit of a paradox (two words)
6 Coin may be made from it
7 Set it up between part of Germany and our co-partner in war, of a necessity
8 Certainly not like 10 down beheaded
10 Two thirds of a famous Italian town that is in France
11 The tired town worker must envy a barrel-organ its facile this (three words)
16 It carries weight on Sundays
19 Tendency
21 May be hidden in stocks, hyacinths, etc.
22 These are usually marking time
23 Emerges from a mean den, but is never seen at night
25 Something from a barrel
27 A fog
29 It is something hard and fine
31 A colour

YDAY'S SOLUTION—ACROSS 1, [illegible]; 6, Hoarded; 9, Fitting; 10, Cloud; 11, Emigration; 13, Sensible; 14, Advert; 17, Air; 18, Use; 20, Spain; 21, Gardenia; 23, Retriever; 26, Arena; 28, Nations; 30, Diamond; 31, Money; 32, Crystal; 33, Account; 34, Reception. DOWN—2, Hesitate; 3, Dodge; 4, Pacific; 5, Long pass; 10, Mat; 12, Dead March; 16, Aqueduct; 18, Unanswered; 19, Sea; 22, Inspector; 24, Pedal; 25, Chatty; 27, Inter-